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## Libertarian breakthroughs in 2014 election

By Carla Howell  
Political Director

### Best ever midterm LP media coverage

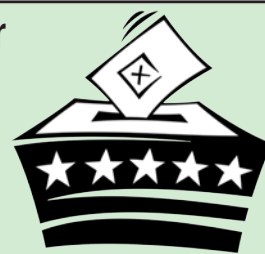
In 2014, the Libertarian Party saw the most national media coverage for its candidates ever in a midterm election, rivaling the coverage received by past Libertarian candidates for president.

Several LP candidates were featured in national media because they ran in races that potentially could swing the balance of power in the Senate, or in tight races for governor. Their coverage included Fox News, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, CNN, NPR, the *Los Angeles Times*, the Associated Press, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsmax*, MSNBC's "Hardball," Breitbart.com, the *Huffington Post*, ABC News, *USA Today*, the *Daily Caller*, the Fox Business Network's "Stossel," the *Beacon* (Independent Institute), and *Time*. Three candidates were interviewed on the Fox Business Network's "The Independents," and *Reason* ran several positive stories and columns about the LP and its candidates.

Candidates who received notable national coverage included Sean Haugh for U.S. Senate in North Carolina, Amanda Swafford for U.S. Senate in Georgia, Adrian Wyllie for governor in Florida, David Patterson for U.S. Senate in Kentucky, Andrew Hunt for governor in Georgia, Chad Grimm for governor in Illinois, Robert Sarvis for U.S. Senate in Virginia, Doug Butzier (see story on page 6) for U.S. Sen-

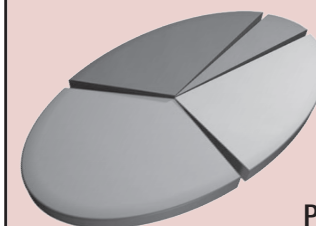
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More Libertarians included  
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### Record top-of-ticket votes in midterm, despite poor turnout

Based on preliminary vote returns, Libertarians running on the top of the ticket on their respective ballots may top 1,500,000 votes. This would make the Libertarian Party the first party in the history of the United States, aside from the Democrats and Republicans, to receive more than 1,500,000 top-of-ticket votes in a midterm.

Top-of-ticket votes include the votes for governor in states where the office is up for election. Where it's not, votes for U.S. Senate are counted. Where neither office is on the ballot, whatever office takes the top spot on the ballot is counted.

This positive result came in spite of the fact that, overall, alternative party and independent vote percentages for offices at the top of ticket in 2014 were only 4.4

percent of the vote, down from every other midterm election in the last 20 years.

This decline is attributed primarily to the "top two" voting systems now in place in Washington and California, according to *Ballot Access News*. California and Washington together make up one-eighth of the nation, and neither had top-of-ticket candidates for alternative parties.

Overall voter turnout was also down nationwide in 2014. Only 36 percent of the voting-eligible population cast a ballot, according to early projections by the United States Election Project — the lowest level of any election cycle since World War II.

The Libertarian Party's top-of-ticket votes overcame both of these vote-depressing phenomena, another sign that the LP is gaining momentum.

### LP registration up 8.3% over last 7 months, more than all other political parties together

Between March and October 2014, Libertarian voter registration rose by 8.3 percent.

Voter registration as a whole rose only 1.4 percent nationwide during the same period. Independent and miscellaneous registrations rose 2.7 percent. Democratic registration rose 0.7 percent. Republican registration rose 1.0 percent. Green Party registration rose 2.1 percent.

This comes on top of an 11.4 percent increase in Libertarian registrations during the prior 16 months. During that period, voter registration in all other nationally organized parties declined.

"This is more evidence that mainstream political opinions are converging with the views that the Libertarian Party has been espousing since its founding," said Nicholas Sarwark, chair of the Libertarian National Committee.



## CHAIR'S CORNER

# Take time to recharge for an exciting 2015

by Nicholas Sarwark, Chair

As we prepare for the holiday season, it's time to reflect on the year gone by and plan for the year ahead. But first, I want to say thank you. Thank you for running for office. Thank you for working for liberty in your community. Thank you for supporting the Libertarian Party.



Nicholas Sarwark

Like the stock market, the long-term trend of the Libertarian Party is positive. If you focus on one state or one campaign, it's easy to find places where our party faces setbacks or disappointing results; but if you step back and look at the overall picture, we're steadily growing in votes, voters, and vote percentages. And this coming year is our opportunity to accelerate that growth.

By the time you read this column, the Libertarian National Committee will have set a budget for 2015. It's an off year, which is like the off season for political parties. If we work hard on developing strong state affiliate parties, gaining ballot access in some states where we can start early, improving our party's infrastructure, and recruiting candidates for office, we position ourselves for greater success in 2016. The proposed budget includes increased focus on affiliate support, campus outreach, and long-term projects to improve infrastructure.

Our party is the fastest-growing political party in the country, with a permanent national headquarters, energetic candidates and activists, and a bright future. But at this point our party is still smaller than the old parties. That makes it important that we be good to our fellow Libertarians. We in the Libertarian Party are all trying to achieve liberty in our lifetimes.

If we let internal disagreements cause us to treat our fellow Libertarians with hostility or disrespect, we will drive off good people and make the job that much harder.

It's also important that we be good to our fellow Americans. There's an old saying in sales, "they don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care." Our bold message of freedom is a dramatic change from how most people see the world. That kind of change won't come about from getting into heated arguments; it comes from our showing others who we are and what we believe.

During this holiday season, be good to each other and take time to recharge. It's going to be an exciting 2015.

Yours in liberty,



The following individual became a Beacon of Liberty lifetime member of the Libertarian Party between Aug. 1, 2014, and Nov. 20, 2014:



Timothy Beeman

The following individual became a Lifetime Founder of the Libertarian Party between Sept. 23, 2014, and Nov. 20, 2014:

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The party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by: functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities; nominating candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and supporting party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and, entering into public information activities.

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both the Robert Sarvis for U.S. Senate and Jeffrey Carson for U.S. House campaigns, saving them money to use elsewhere in their efforts.

Don't miss your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your name appear inside this historic office, right alongside David Nolan's.

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## Best ever Libertarian ballot access after a midterm election

By Bob Johnston  
and Carla Howell

The Libertarian Party is on the ballot in 30 states after the November 2014 general election. This is the best showing for ballot access after a midterm for a non-establishment political party ever, according to Richard Winger, editor and publisher of *Ballot Access News*.

Winger also noted that this is the best post-midterm ballot access for any alternative party after a midterm in the last 100 years. In 1914, the Progressive, Socialist and Prohibition Parties all had more.

The next best midterm election ballot access showings for the LP were four years ago, 2010, and 1998, where the LP was on in 27 states.

The best ballot access showing that the LP has ever had came after presidential election year 2012, when the Libertarian Party had access in 31 states. During the last 90 years, the most state ballots to which an alternative party has gained access is 32, achieved by the Reform Party after the 1996 elections funded by billionaire H. Ross Perot.

The LP attained ballot access in **North Dakota** for the first time in the 2014 election. The LP in **Hawaii** and **Maryland** met the vote test for party retention for the first time in their histories.

### Thinking of running for office? Just want to learn more?

Go to **LP.org/run-for-office** and send us your inquiry. You'll receive information from your state LP affiliate or from the national LP headquarters that you need to get started, file your campaign, comply with your state's election laws, and get on the ballot.

### More LP candidates included in 2014 polls than ever before

At least 113 polls for statewide or federal offices conducted through Oct. 19 included Libertarians. In 57 of those surveys, the Libertarian polled at 6 percent or higher.

This is the best rate of inclusion in polls and the highest polling numbers that the LP has seen in its history.

Many of the polls that included Libertarians occurred where Libertarians could potentially have swung the race because they were polling at or above the margin between the Democrat and the Republican. Close races yielded both more media and more inclusion in publicized polls.

Three candidates who ran against both a Democrat and a Republican

for governor or federal office polled in double digits: Adrian Wyllie for governor in Florida (13 percent), Sean Haugh for U.S. Senate in North Carolina (11 percent in two polls), and Jim McDermott for U.S. House in Alaska (12 percent).

While final vote totals came down from earlier polling numbers, as is typical, they remained strong considering the record-shattering levels of spending by Democrats, Republicans and their respective PACs this election year. Total spending for this midterm election exceeded \$3.7 billion.

Record-high polling of Libertarian candidates is another sign that the LP is becoming a force in American politics.

**"This is the best showing for ballot access after a midterm for a non-establishment political party ever, according to Richard Winger, editor and publisher of *Ballot Access News*."**

Both state parties had retained ballot access through petitioning in past years.

In **Alaska**, the party appears to have retained its party status, as the gubernatorial candidate needed to get 3 percent and appears to have received over 3 percent.

In **Connecticut**, the party retained ballot access for the second U.S. House seat for 2016, because the candidate obtained 1.1 percent and only 1 percent was needed for retention.

In **Georgia**, the party can continue to run statewide candidates, as several candidates received a number of votes greater than 1 percent of the registered voters in the state.

In **Hawaii**, the party retained ballot access and met the vote test for the first time, as the cumulative vote of the state Senate candidates exceeded 4 percent of the total votes for all state Senate candidates in Tuesday's election.

In **Idaho**, the party retained ballot access by running at least three candidates for state or federal office.

In **Indiana**, the party retained ballot access because the candidate for secretary of state received 3.4 percent and only 2 percent was necessary for retention.

In **Kansas**, the party retained ballot access because several statewide candidates received at least 1 percent.

In **Maryland**, the party retained ballot access and met the vote test for the first time ever because the gubernatorial candidate obtained 1.4 percent and 1 percent was needed for retention.

In **Michigan**, the party retained ballot access because several candidates received more than 1 percent of the vote from the 2012 secretary of state race.

In **Nebraska**, the party retained ballot access because several statewide candidates received 5 percent.

In **Nevada**, the party retained ballot access because several candidates obtained at least 1 percent of the votes cast for the U.S. House races in the state.

In **North Dakota**, the party attained ballot access for the first time ever because the candidate for secretary of state received 5 percent.

In **Texas**, the party retained ballot access as several statewide candidates received

5 percent of the vote in their respective races.

In **Wisconsin**, the party attained ballot access because several statewide candidates obtained 1 percent.

In **Wyoming**, the party retained ballot access and became a recognized major party (and thus can nominate by primary) because the candidate for secretary of state received 10 percent.

In **Iowa**, the party narrowly missed attaining ballot access for the first time in its history because the gubernatorial candidate received 1.8 percent but needed 2 percent for ballot access.

The LP lost ballot access in **South Dakota**, **Ohio**, and the **District of Columbia**, where it had attained ballot access for the first time in 2012.

In New York, the party did not attain ballot access for the first time as hoped. The gubernatorial candidate received 15,585 votes, but 50,000 votes were needed. The party came close to hitting this mark in 2010, possibly because a weak Republican was on the ballot that year, which was not the case this year. Election officials may also have suppressed votes by placing the Libertarian's name in an odd position on the ballot that many voters may have overlooked.

In **Illinois**, the party almost got ballot access for statewide candidates in 2016, as the candidate for comptroller received 4.8 percent of the vote, just short of the 5 percent necessary.

The Libertarian Party now has ballot access in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia (statewide candidates only), Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

*Thanks to Richard Winger, publisher of Ballot Access News, for his assistance in compiling this list.*

# Did defeat of Oregon Measure 90 deal a fatal blow to 'top two'?

By Carla Howell

**N**ov. 4, 2014, was another bad hair day for the two-only voting system known as "top two."

Oregon's ballot Measure 90 suffered a stinging defeat, making it the fifth major setback related to an unfair election system designed to favor Democrats and/or Republicans, also known as "top two."

The law makes it near impossible for alternative party and independent candidates to participate in competitive general election (November) races.

Unsuccessful attempts to enact "top two" have been made in Arizona, Montana and Oregon, while it remains in effect in California and Washington state.

Measure 90 went down by more than two to one, despite the fact that its proponents raised and spent over \$5 million, three times more than the opposition. The yes/no votes were (with 94 percent of precincts reporting):

**Yes:** 455,255 (32 percent)

**No:** 979,151 (68 percent)

Libertarian National Committee Chair Nicholas Sarwark submitted a statement opposing Measure 90 for the state's

## Call unfair voting law what it is: Two Only

Proponents of the "top two" voting system chose this name because it makes their idea of allowing only the top two vote-getters on the general election ballot seem reasonable and fair. After all, only the top two teams make it to the Super Bowl, so why not have only the top two vote-getters in election "finals?"

But it is well known that few voters today participate in primaries. And, contrary to the law's proponents who claim that "top two" improves voter turnout in primary elections, turnout in California declined. Only 25 percent of registered voters cast a ballot in the June 2014 California primary, and only 42 percent of the registered voters cast a ballot in

November. Many of those voters left the partisan offices blank. California's turnout in 2014 went down in both the primary and general elections to the lowest levels in California history.

"Top two" has ensured that only Big Government Democrats and Republicans appear on November ballots for competitive or for top-of-ticket races. In many elections, only two Democrats or only two Republicans make the ballot.

"'Top two' has been a disaster for voter participation and choice," said Libertarian persuasion expert Michael Cloud. "It excludes alternative candidates from the general election — when most voters are paying attention. A more descriptive name for the law is 'two only.'"

voter guide, which was sent to every voting household in Oregon.

No Libertarian candidates for governor, U.S. Senate or U.S. House have made the November ballot in either Washington or California since "top two" was enacted, costing the LP hundreds of thousands of votes each election year. It has put an end to high-profile LP candidates like Ruth Bennett, who ran a nationally publicized campaign for governor of Washington in 2004. Her Libertarian campaign is recog-

nized for playing a role in the state's legalization of same-sex marriage.

Measure 90 was the second failed attempt in Oregon to enact "top two" and the fifth major defeat related to "top two" in recent years:

- **2008:** Oregon voters defeat "top two" ballot Measure 65, with 66% voting No.
- **2012:** Arizona voters defeat "top two" ballot measure Prop. 121 by a two-to-one margin
- **2013-4:** After the defeat of Prop. 121, Ari-

zona lawmakers pass H.B. 2196 to make it very difficult for members of small qualified parties to get on their own party's primary ballot. Citizens then launch a ballot initiative to repeal H.B. 2196. Because polls indicate the initiative will win, lawmakers repeal it on their own, removing the need for the referendum.

- **2014:** Montana Supreme Court blocks "top two" legislative measure L.R. 127 from the ballot
- **2014:** Oregon voters defeat "top two" Measure 90, with 68 percent voting no.

Libertarians in Washington made the most of their restricted ballot access this year by targeting races where Democrats or Republicans were running unopposed. This enabled them to place eight candidates on the general election ballot for state legislature. But because they were "safe seats" for the red and blue teams, their Libertarian campaigns drew little statewide media attention.

The Libertarian Party of Oregon said in a released statement, "With the failure of Measure 90, the LPO expects to build on this success in the next election, with the eventual goal of displacing the GOP as Oregon's second major party."

# What obstacles do LP candidates face that Democrats, Republicans don't?

By Carla Howell

**A**mericans today are more aligned with the Libertarian Party than either the Democratic or Republican parties. They lean toward being fiscally conservative and socially tolerant. Growing numbers of voters are fed up with fruitless, destructive, and costly wars.

Yet why aren't Libertarian Party candidates winning more elections? In fact, why don't we hold majorities in most governing bodies in the country?

The problem is that the playing field is not level — and the referees are on the payroll of the two old teams.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle to running as a Libertarian is what we strive for: dramatically less government. Our political opponents work for special interests that profit from Big Government. In exchange, they get a wealth of campaign donations and the use of powerful get-out-the-vote machines.

These spoils are not available to Libertarians because of our refusal to oblige. Many fine Libertarian candidates who have run on the LP ticket may have won legislative, statewide, and congressional seats if they'd been willing to compromise their principles and pay off special interests by supporting foreign interventions, lucrative govern-

ment union contracts, government welfare, bailouts, and other forms of Big Government.

The most immediate impact of our opposition to Big Government is the resultant imbalance in media coverage.

The vast majority of owners, editors, publishers, program managers, and journalists who control the mainstream media in America strongly favor Big Government. They shower Democratic and Republican politicians with free, and often unearned, media coverage.

They exclude Libertarians from debates and polls, giving voters the impression that only Democrats and Republicans are serious contenders. Libertarians would need very large advertising budgets to counter this bias.

Tax-funded, government-run public schools and government-subsidized colleges and universities present another huge obstacle for Libertarians. These institutions preach the virtues of Big Government. Most students today are well-versed in topics like the alleged need for government regulation to control the earth's climate. Yet they are taught almost nothing about the need to roll back Big Government.

Libertarians also face anti-competition election laws, put in place by our opponents. This costs LP campaigns thousands of dollars and puts LP candidates at a serious disadvantage. For example, in Georgia a Libertarian candidate running for U.S. House in 2016 will need to

collect approximately 18,540 valid signatures to get on the ballot. Democrats and Republicans in the same race do not need to collect any signatures at all.

Politicians have also gerrymandered districts, which serves to divvy up seats among the reds and blues. And they have quashed attempts to enact term limits, entrenching their incumbencies.

These obstacles mean that Libertarian candidates must play on a field that's anything but level.

To make matters worse, the referees ignore fouls by the other teams.

Witness Michigan in 2012. Republican politicians, threatened by two-term governor Gary Johnson's Libertarian presidential campaign, threw him off the ballot. Back in 1980, they put John Anderson on the ballot in identical circumstances.

Witness election officials in New York who forced LP state senate candidate Gigi Bowman to defend her position on the ballot until just days before the election — then used ballots in some precincts that omitted her name, even though the courts confirmed that she was legally qualified to run in the general election.

If it were easy to win elections in the face of such a rigged game, we would have elected hundreds, if not

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# More than 12.3 million votes for Libertarian candidates in Nov.

By Arthur DiBianca

More than 730 Libertarians ran for office this past November. Thanks to all of them for stepping forward to advance the libertarian cause. We have collected unofficial results for 717 candidates. Altogether, they received more than 12.3 million votes.

John Monds, running for the Public Service Commission in Georgia, received more than 710,000 votes. That is the highest midterm partisan vote total for a Libertarian since 2006. William McBride of Louisiana beat a Republican opponent to win a seat on the Washington City Council. Steve Golter of Colorado received more than 40 percent

for Colorado University Regent against a Democratic opponent. Seventeen Libertarians were elected or re-elected to office, and one candidate advanced to a December runoff. According to *Ballot Access News*, the LP achieved or retained ballot access in 30 states, which is higher than earlier midterm years (2010, 2006, or 2002). As always, the

LP will strive to achieve ballot access in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for 2016. The results listed here are mostly unofficial. The final official percentages are unlikely to change significantly. In New York and Oregon, some Libertarian candidates appeared on the ballot with the Republican or Democratic label. Those results are not included here.

## Top 10 vote-getters

State	Name	Office	Votes
GA	John H. Monds	Public Service Commission, District 1	710,408
TX	Quannah Parker	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 4	498,125
TX	William Bryan Strange, III	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 9	491,263
TX	RS Roberto Koelsch	Supreme Court Justice, Place 8	446,828
MO	Sean O'Toole	State Auditor	251,601
MI	Kerry Morgan	Supreme Court Justice (unexpired term)	236,837
FL	Adrian Wyllie	Governor	223,339
AZ	Becca Kielsky	Maricopa County Assessor	172,261
FL	Bill Wohlsifer	Attorney General	169,371
IL	Julie Fox	Comptroller	167,578

## Top 10 percentages

(partisan single-member election, facing both a Republican and a Democrat)

State	Name	Office	Percentage
IN	Tim Basey	Madison County Sheriff	16.6%
HI	Tom Berg	State Representative, District 41	15.6%
NE	John W Sterup	Johnson County Treasurer	15.0%
IN	Dave Nakarado	Monroe County Commissioner	12.9%
HI	Fred F. Fogel	State Representative, District 3	11.8%
MO	Matthew (Matt) Stephens	State Representative, District 33	11.7%
KY	Christine Kendrick	Boone County Commissioner, District 2	11.2%
HI	Bronson Kekahuna Kaahui	State Senator, District 6	10.6%
IN	Rex Bell	State Senator, District 27	10.3%
MD	Bill Welch	Garrett County Commissioner, District 3	10.0%

## Top 10 percentages

(partisan single-member election, facing at least one opponent on the ballot)

State	Name	Office	Percentage
LA	William McBride	Washington City Council, District 3 (St. Landry Parish)	58.7%
CO	Steve E. Golter	Colorado University Regent, District 7	40.5%
KY	Chris Dillingham	Warren County Constable, District 2	38.6%
IN	Lisa Goldsberry	Henry County Council, District 2	36.9%
AK	Cean Stevens	State Representative, District 19	36.9%
LA	Martin D. Wade	Lafourche Parish Constable, District 4	35.1%
NV	Ed Uehling	State Senator, District 10	35.1%
LA	Chad Ivery Perry	Calcasieu Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 7	33.9%
WA	David A. Steenson	State Representative, District 19 Position 1	33.1%
WA	Elijah Olson	State Representative, District 38 Position 2	32.9%

## Top 10 percentages

(nonpartisan single-member election, facing at least one opponent on the ballot)

State	Name	Office	Percentage
AR	Bobby Tullis	Mineral Springs Mayor (Howard County)	73.4%
NE	Keith Ottersberg	Wymore City Council, Ward 2 (Gage County)	70.0%
MN	Olga Parsons	Crystal Section II City Council (Hennepin County)	64.3%
MN	Elizabeth Dahl	Crystal City Council, Ward 1 (Hennepin County)	61.1%
FL	Richard Paul	Lee County Mosquito Control District, Area 4	54.8%
FL	Jared Jones	Collier County Soil & Water District, Group 4	43.9%
FL	Karl Dickey	Palm Beach Soil & Water District, Group 5	41.9%
FL	William Tolp	Collier County Soil & Water District, Group 5	39.6%
CA	Mark W.A. Hinkle	Gavilan Community College District Board, Position 2 (Santa Clara County)	36.2%
OH	Roger D. Staton	Warren County Common Pleas Judge	16.6%

## Leave a legacy of liberty

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## Best LP midterm media

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ate in Iowa, and Lucas Overby for U.S. House in Florida. A number of candidates received substantial coverage within their states, including Adrian Wyllie for governor in Florida, John Buckley for U.S. Senate in West Virginia, Robert Sarvis for governor in Virginia, Keen Umbehrr for governor in Kansas, Steve French for governor

in South Carolina, Jack Seaman for U.S. House in North Dakota, and Frank Gilbert for governor in Arkansas. The national media coverage that these candidates received is another mark of progress for the Libertarian Party. The party would need to spend millions of dollars in advertising to match the reach of these campaigns. Running candidates in tight races provides low-cost, high-return publicity for Libertarian ideas and solutions.

# Doug Butzier, Iowa Libertarian for U.S. Senate, dies in plane crash

Dr. Doug Butzier, the Iowa Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, died in a plane crash on Oct. 13. He was flying solo in his private plane back from a campaign event that evening when it crashed on his second attempt to land.

An emergency room physician, Dr. Butzier was running in one of the most closely

watched federal races this year, between Democrat Bruce Braley and Republican Joan Ernst, who won.

“Dr. Doug Butzier’s passing is a tragic loss for those who believe government is way too big and that health care is best delivered by the private sector,” said Carla Howell, political director for the Libertarian National Committee. “A con-

scientious man, he ran for office to make America a better place today and in the future.”

“Doug was an outstanding person, and always willing to help others,” said LP Iowa Chair Keith Laube.

Sympathy notes sent c/o the LP address on the back of this issue will be forwarded to the family of Dr. Butzier.



Doug Butzier

# LP fields 142 federal candidates for U.S. Senate, House

By Arthur DiBianca

On Nov. 4, there were 22 Libertarians on the ballot for U.S. Senate and 120 on the ballot for U.S. House.

Based on unofficial results, the Libertarian candidates for U.S. House received 945,738 votes altogether. That falls short of the million-vote target for which the LP usually aims. In 2012, Libertarians for U.S. House received 1,437,737 votes. (Note,

voter turnout is much higher in presidential election years, so Libertarian vote counts also tend to be higher.) In 2010, the last midterm election, Libertarians for U.S. House received 1,063,653 votes. In 2006, Libertarians received 650,614 votes.

## Top five percentages for U.S. Senate

State	Name	Percentage
KS	Randall Batson	4.3%
IL	Sharon Hansen	3.7%
NC	Sean Haugh	3.7%
AK	Mark S. Fish	3.7%
KY	David M. Patterson	3.1%

Because of the relatively new top-two primary system used in California and Washington, there were no Libertarians for Congress on the November ballot in either of those states.

most votes of the U.S. House candidates (55,310), followed closely by Randall Lord of Louisiana (55,236). Those two candidates also got the highest percentages: 26.6 percent for Lord and 24.7 percent for Overby.

Seven U.S. House candidates received more than 5 percent of the vote, in races with both a Republican and a Democrat.

Among U.S. Senate candidates, Randall Batson of Kansas received the highest percentage: 4.3 percent.

Lucas Overby of Florida received the

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State	Name	Office	Percentage
LA	Randall Lord	U.S. Representative, District 4	26.6%
FL	Lucas Overby	U.S. Representative, District 13	24.7%
TX	Jeffrey C. Blunt	U.S. Representative, District 20	24.3%
AR	Grant Brand	U.S. Representative, District 3	20.6%
TX	Mark Boler	U.S. Representative, District 26	17.3%

## Top five percentages for U.S. House, running against both a Republican and a Democrat

State	Name	Office	Percentage
MO	Kevin Craig	U.S. Representative, District 7	7.7%
IN	Scott Wise	U.S. Representative, District 3	7.5%
AK	Jim C. McDermott	U.S. Representative	7.5%
ND	Robert J. “Jack” Seaman	U.S. Representative	5.8%
MO	Herschel L. Young	U.S. Representative, District 4	5.6%

# 270 Libertarian candidates run for state legislative offices in 2014

By Arthur DiBianca

There were 270 Libertarians running for state legislative offices in November, up from 257 in 2012, but less than the 321 who ran in 2010.

Eight Libertarians received more than 30 percent in

races without either a Republican or a Democrat. Five Libertarians received more than 10 percent, running against both a Republican and a Democrat.

In Hawaii, Fred Fogel came within reach of the Republican in a heavily Democratic district. Fogel received 11.8 percent, versus 14.5 percent for the Republican.

Libertarians have very rarely won state legislative seats. The last time was in 2000, when Steve Vaillancourt was elected to the New Hampshire State House in a three-member district. (Voters could “vote for three,” with the top three candidates winning. Vaillancourt came in third out of six candidates.)

## Top 10 percentages for state legislature

State	Name	Office	Percentage
AK	Cean Stevens	State Representative, District 19	36.9%
NV	Ed Uehling	State Senator, District 10	35.1%
WA	David A. Steenson	State Representative, District 19 Position 1	33.1%
WA	Elijah Olson	State Representative, District 38 Position 2	32.9%
PA	Betsy Summers	State Representative, District 121	32.3%
FL	Franklin Perez	State Representative, District 28	31.7%
WA	Tim Turner	State Representative, District 48 Position 2	30.8%
WA	Paul Delaney	State Representative, District 3 Position 2	30.5%
KS	James Pruden	State Representative, District 86	28.4%
FL	Tony Caso	State Senator, District 20	28.4%

## Top 10 percentages for state legislature, running against both a Republican and a Democrat

State	Name	Office	Percentage
HI	Tom Berg	State Representative, District 41	15.6%
HI	Fred F. Fogel	State Representative, District 3	11.8%
MO	Matthew (Matt) Stephens	State Representative, District 33	11.7%
HI	Bronson Kekahuna Kaahui	State Senator, District 6	10.6%
IN	Rex Bell	State Senator, District 27	10.3%
KS	F. Caleb Christopher	State Representative, District 38	9.6%
HI	Anthony Higa	State Representative, District 19	9.4%
MI	Lorence Wenke	State Senator, District 20	9.0%
OR	Caitlin Mitchel-Markley	State Senator, District 15	9.0%
OR	Kyle Markley	State Representative, District 30	8.9%

# Libertarian Party 2014 election results

Name	Position	Total	Pct.	Name	Position	Total	Pct.	Name	Position	Total	Pct.
<b><u>Alabama</u></b>				William Brackeen	Pulaski Cty. Justice of the Peace, Dist. 13	480	5.6%	Patrick Sullivan	Jefferson Cty. Assessor	21,300	9.2%
Kevin Knight	Bibb Cty. Sheriff	364	8.3%	Shawn Hipskind	Saline Cty. Judge	7,478	19.6%	Brett Almy	Jefferson Cty. Sheriff	57,788	27.8%
Doug Ward	Chilton Cty. Revenue Comm.	810	7.8%	Bobby Tullis	Mineral Springs Mayor (Howard Cty.)	232	73.4%	<b><u>Connecticut</u></b>			
Willie Hill	Jefferson Cty. Sheriff	4,685	2.8%	<b><u>California</u></b>				Daniel Reale	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	2,540	1.1%
Nicole Jordan	Jefferson Cty. Tax Assessor	5,658	3.5%	Patrick D. Hogan	State Assembly, Dist. 5	26,539	25.4%	Richard Lion	State Rep., Dist. 9	830	14.1%
Mark Bodenhausen	Jefferson Cty. Asst. Tax Assessor, Bess. Div.	1,116	2.7%	Thomas Piper	Apple Valley Town Council (San Bernardino Cty.)	2,382	6.5%	<b><u>District of Columbia</u></b>			
Laura Pate	Jefferson Cty. Tax Collector	6,426	3.9%	Brian Peotter	Costa Mesa Sanitary Dist. Board (Orange Cty.)	5,941	14.2%	Bruce Majors	Mayor	989	0.7%
Leigh LaChine	Jefferson Cty. Asst. Tax Collector, Bess. Div.	4,747	16.6%	Alex Fidel	Encinitas Mayor (San Diego Cty.)	537	2.9%	Kyle Walker	City Council Chairman	2,943	2.1%
Charles Kennedy	Jefferson Cty. Comm., Dist. 2	1,750	6.2%	Brian C. Thiemer	Fairfield City Council (Solano Cty.)	1,197	3.5%	Frederick Steiner	City Council, At-large	2,968	1.3%
Eric Calhoun	Jefferson Cty. Comm., Dist. 3	2,077	5.7%	Mark W.A. Hinkle	Gavilan Community College Dist. Board, Pos. 2 (Santa Clara Cty.)	7,380	36.2%	John Vaught LaBeaume	City Council, Ward 1	677	3.9%
Ron Bishop	Jefferson Cty. Comm., Dist. 4	2,971	11.6%	Mike Healey	Lake Forest City Council (Orange Cty.)	2,541	6.1%	Ryan Sabot	City Council, Ward 3	2,560	12.2%
Steven T. Tucker	Jefferson Cty. Comm., Dist. 5	4,140	13.8%	Joseph “Joe” Salama	Marin Cty. Healthcare Dist.	9,145	7.8%	Preston Cornish	City Council, Ward 5	1,274	7.0%
Shane Carlisle	Shelby Cty. Coroner	3,974	14.2%	Norm Westwell	Ocean View School Board (Orange Cty.)	6,427	13.6%	Pranav Badhwar	City Council, Ward 6	2,477	11.0%
Kenneth Bailey	Shelby Cty. Sherriff	4,946	17.4%	Aaron Starr	Oxnard City Council (Ventura Cty.)	5,579	13.4%	John Daniel	U.S. Shadow Sen.	6,399	4.9%
<b><u>Alaska</u></b>				Douglas Radtke	Peninsula Healthcare Dist. Board (San Mateo Cty.)	12,459	17.5%	Martin Moulton	U.S. Shadow Rep.	9,086	7.3%
Mark S. Fish	U.S. Sen.	8,358	3.7%	Flash Gordon	BART Board, Dist. 8 (San Francisco Cty.)	5,609	6.8%	<b><u>Delaware</u></b>			
Carolyn F. “Care” Clift	Governor	6,745	3.0%	Mark J. De Paula	Sequoia Healthcare Dist.	11,211	14.5%	John Machurek	Attorney General	2,984	1.3%
Andrew C. Lee	Lieutenant Governor	6,453	3.4%	John J. “Jack” Hickey	Sequoia Healthcare Dist.	16,909	21.8%	Scott Gesty	U.S. Rep.	4,419	1.9%
Jim C. McDermott	U.S. Rep.	16,791	7.5%	John McDowell	Sequoia Healthcare Dist.	13,896	18.0%	John F. Potter	State Sen., Dist. 21	113	1.1%
Cean Stevens	State Rep., Dist. 19	1,320	36.9%	<b><u>Colorado</u></b>				C. Robert Wilson	State Rep., Dist. 7	707	13.9%
<b><u>Arizona</u></b>				Gaylon Kent	U.S. Sen.	51,756	2.6%	Steven H. Newton	State Rep., Dist. 22	186	2.3%
Barry J. Hess	Governor	48,372	3.8%	Matthew Hess	Governor	38,667	1.9%	Gordon Smith	State Rep., Dist. 30	65	1.2%
Chris Rike	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	6,327	4.2%	Brandon Young	Lieutenant Governor	ticket		James W. Brittingham	State Rep., Dist. 39	305	7.1%
Joe Cobb	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	9,371	15.4%	David K. Williams	Attorney General	118,165	6.2%	Shawn P. Long Jr.	New Castle Cty. Recorder of Deeds	3,603	2.8%
Powell Gammill	U.S. Rep., Dist. 9	4,534	3.4%	Dave Schambach	Secretary of State	71,722	3.7%	Patrick M. Shipp	New Castle Cty. Sheriff	12,127	11.2%
Jim Iannuzo	State Sen., Dist. 28	2,004	3.6%	David Jurist	State Treasurer	99,568	5.2%	<b><u>Florida</u></b>			
Michael Kielsky	State Rep., Dist. 25	3,015	3.6%	Frank Atwood	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	8,984	3.3%	Adrian Wyllie	Governor	223,339	3.8%
Chris Will	State Rep., Dist. 26	4,510	12.8%	Travis Mero	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	6,206	2.3%	Greg Roe	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
Zhani Doko	State Rep., Dist. 28	4,539	5.1%	Jess Loban	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	8,992	3.2%	Bill Wohlsifer	Attorney General	169,371	2.9%
Kevin Morrow	Coconino Cty. Justice of the Peace, Flagstaff	6,111	27.4%	Norm Olsen	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	8,598	3.1%	Lucas Overby	U.S. Rep., Dist. 13	55,310	24.7%
Becca Kielsky	Maricopa Cty. Assessor	172,261	28.9%	Daniel Ong	Colorado University Regent, Dist. 2	23,048	7.2%	Ray Netherwood	U.S. Rep., Dist. 19	6,671	2.7%
Skyler Farr	Maricopa Cty. Clerk of the Superior Court	165,740	28.1%	Steve E. Golter	Colorado University Regent, Dist. 7	95,100	40.5%	Tony Caso	State Sen., Dist. 20	47,650	28.4%
Thane “Goldie” Eichenauer	Maricopa Cty. Constable, Downtown (Phoenix)	1,081	19.8%	Lee Mulcahy	State Sen., Dist. 5	2,339	4.2%	Karen Schoen	State Rep., Dist. 5	11,813	23.6%
Fred R. Scotty	Maricopa Cty. Justice of the Peace, Hassayampa	3,160	6.8%	Norman “Paotie” Dawson	State Sen., Dist. 11	2,276	6.3%	Ken Willey	State Rep., Dist. 18	9,523	18.6%
Tyler Nadjara Thornton	Maricopa Cty. Justice of the Peace, Downtown (Phoenix)	1,116	20.3%	Gregg Miller	State Sen., Dist. 19	3,638	5.8%	Franklin Perez	State Rep., Dist. 28	15,915	31.7%
<b><u>Arkansas</u></b>				Chris Heismann	State Sen., Dist. 20	4,968	7.0%	Omar E. Recuero	State Rep., Dist. 100	1,020	3.1%
Nathan LaFrance	U.S. Sen.	17,157	2.0%	Eric Price	State Sen., Dist. 30	2,328	3.7%	J. J. McCurry	Brevard Cty. Comm., Dist. 2	4,201	9.9%
Frank Gilbert	Governor	16,265	1.9%	Darrell Dinges	State Sen., Dist. 32	2,433	4.5%	George Lebovitz	Brevard Cty. Comm., Dist. 4	2,197	4.5%
Christopher Olson	Lieutenant Governor	35,144	4.2%	Brian Scriber	State Sen., Dist. 34	2,486	6.0%	Jared Jones	Collier Cty. Soil & Water Dist., Group 4	35,986	43.9%
Jacob D. Holloway	Secretary of State	36,041	4.3%	David Hein	State Rep., Dist. 1	846	4.1%	William Tolp	Collier Cty. Soil & Water Dist., Group 5	30,297	39.6%
Aaron Cash	Attorney General	43,120	5.2%	Bill Gibson	State Rep., Dist. 11	2,175	6.8%	Richard Paul	Lee Cty. Mosquito Control Dist., Area 4	76,519	54.8%
Elvis D. Presley	Land Comm.	51,368	6.2%	Susan Quilleash	State Rep., Dist. 17	1,067	7.5%	Karl Dickey	Palm Beach Soil & Water Dist., Group 5	137,009	41.9%
Brian Leach	State Auditor	44,585	5.4%	Lynn Weitzel	State Rep., Dist. 22	1,679	4.6%	Etta Lawlor	Santa Rosa Cty. Comm., Dist. 4	9,634	19.2%
Chris Hayes	State Treasurer	52,514	6.4%	Michael Beckerman	State Rep., Dist. 23	2,294	6.9%	William “Bill” Van Allen, Jr.	Sarasota Charter Review Board, Dist. 2	8,196	5.6%
Brian Scott Willhite	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	8,503	4.4%	Jack Woehr	State Rep., Dist. 25	1,863	4.6%	Joe Haynes	Seminole City Council	1,173	10.7%
Debbie Standiford	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	10,581	4.5%	Thom Haupt	State Rep., Dist. 26	1,051	4.0%	<b><u>Georgia</u></b>			
Grant Brand	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	39,266	20.6%	Niles Aronson	State Rep., Dist. 27	2,193	5.7%	Amanda Swafford	U.S. Sen.	48,862	1.9%
Ken Hamilton	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	7,577	3.7%	Hans Romer	State Rep., Dist. 29	2,025	6.7%	Andrew T. Hunt	Governor	60,185	2.4%
Wayne Willems	State Rep., Dist. 15	1,476	16.7%	Carter Reid	State Rep., Dist. 33	1,974	5.5%	Edward T. “Ted” Metz	Insurance Comm.	86,427	3.4%
Marc Rosson	State Rep., Dist. 20	652	7.6%	Geoff Hierholz	State Rep., Dist. 40	1,318	4.9%	John H. Monds	Public Service Commission, Dist. 1	710,408	31.7%
Greg Deckelman	State Rep., Dist. 31	438	3.4%	Lily Williams	State Rep., Dist. 44	2,044	6.3%	Robin Aaron Gilmer	Public Service Commission, Dist. 4	122,326	4.9%
Rodger Paxton	State Rep., Dist. 51	1,453	26.3%	James L. Jeansonne	State Rep., Dist. 45	1,807	4.9%	Jeffrey Amason	State Rep., Dist. 21	??	
Taylor Watkins	State Rep., Dist. 80	1,843	21.8%	Kyle Davis	State Rep., Dist. 54	1,169	4.2%	<b><u>Hawaii</u></b>			
Eddie Moser	State Rep., Dist. 95	1,586	18.2%	Chris Baerns	State Rep., Dist. 56	1,437	4.4%	Michael Kokoski	U.S. Sen.	8,936	2.5%
Michael J. Kalagias	State Rep., Dist. 96	375	5.1%	Sacha Mero	State Rep., Dist. 57	5,402	22.9%	Jeff Davis	Governor	6,393	1.7%
Casey Copeland	Prairie Grove Alderman (Washington Cty.)	??		Mac Trench	State Rep., Dist. 61	1,482	4.5%	Cynthia (Lahi) Marlin	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
Jacob Faught	Benton Cty. Constable	??		Ralph “Ralphy” Shnelvar	Boulder Cty. Clerk and Recorder	31,084	25.6%	Joe Kent	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	4,692	2.6%
Whitfield Hyman	Washington Cty. Constable, Dist. 1	3,181	23.8%	Randy Luallin	Boulder Cty. Comm., Dist. 3	29,532	24.8%	Gregory (Kobata) Arianoff	State Sen., Dist. 1	1,850	13.7%
Christian Parks	Lonoke Cty. Justice of the Peace, Dist. 2	206	17.1%	Brock McCoy	Douglas Cty. Sheriff	26,461	22.8%	Michael L. Last	State Sen., Dist. 3	1,891	17.5%
Glen Schwarz	Pulaski Cty. Judge	4,986	4.0%					Alain Schiller	State Sen., Dist. 4	2,536	22.2%
Valerie “Val” Emmons	Pulaski Cty. Justice of the Peace, Dist. 2	2,266	23.1%					<i>continued on page 8...</i>			

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Name	Position	Total	Pct.	Name	Position	Total	Pct.
				<b>Louisiana</b>			
Bronson Kekahuna Kaahui	State Sen., Dist. 6	1,196	10.6%	Brannon Lee McMorris	U.S. Sen.	13,034	0.9%
Raymond Banda III	State Sen., Dist. 18	389	2.2%	Jeffry “Jeff” Sanford	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	8,707	3.6%
Eric Drake Weinert	State Rep., Dist. 1	1,452	18.7%	Samuel Davenport	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	15,237	6.9%
Fred F. Fogel	State Rep., Dist. 3	811	11.8%	Randall Lord	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	55,236	26.6%
Jon A. Lalanne	State Rep., Dist. 5	253	4.0%	Charles Saucier	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	2,201	0.9%
Pat Brock	State Rep., Dist. 11	1,362	21.7%	Rufus Holt Craig, Jr.	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	3,560	1.4%
Anthony Higa	State Rep., Dist. 19	763	9.4%	Denise Bruno	Ascension Parish School Board, Dist. 6A	1,561	25.1%
Tom Berg	State Rep., Dist. 41	956	15.6%	Chad Ivery Perry	Calcasieu Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 7	523	33.9%
Allen (Al) Frenzel	State Rep., Dist. 44	722	16.2%	Henry Herford	Franklin Parish Constable, Dist. 1		Unopp.
Kaimanu Takayama	State Rep., Dist. 48	199	2.1%	Troy Broussard	Jefferson Parish Judge, 1st Parish Court, Division B	10,221	15.0%
				Jo Ann Scott	Jefferson Parish School Board, Dist. 7	1,758	11.9%
				Martin D. Wade	Lafourche Parish Constable, Dist. 4	1,982	35.1%
				Michael J. Vogt	Plaquemines Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 6	727	17.0%
				Justin L. Licciardi	St. Bernard Parish Constable, Ward B	110	18.5%
				Justin Bonnette	Vernon Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 6		Unopp.
				William McBride	Washington City Council, Dist. 3 (St. Landry Parish)	81	58.7%
				Ryan Shinkle	Youngsville City Council, Division A (Lafayette Parish)	196	5.5%
				Matthew “Matt” Thomassee	Youngsville City Council, Division B (Lafayette Parish)	521	14.8%
				<b>Maryland</b>			
				Shawn Quinn	Governor	24,468	1.4%
				Lorenzo Gaztanaga	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
				Leo Wayne Dymowski	Attorney General	55,090	3.4%
				Arvin Vohra	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	2,696	1.4%
				Scott Soffen	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	5,948	2.9%
				Ronald M. Owens-Bey	State Rep., Dist. 45	2,684	4.4%
				David Sgambellone	Anne Arundel Cty. Council, Dist. 2	869	4.4%
				Peggy J. O’Donnell	Calvert Cty. Comm., Dist. 2	2,094	6.7%
				Leo Martin	Garrett Cty. Comm., Dist. 1	2,436	28.5%
				Bill Welch	Garrett Cty. Comm., Dist. 3	889	10.0%
				<b>Massachusetts</b>			
				Heather Mullins	State Sen., Plymouth & Barnstable	2,263	3.6%
				Euplio Marciano	State Rep., Essex Dist. 6	3,442	25.8%
				Daniel Morris	State Rep., Essex Dist. 7	1,932	16.0%
				Robert Underwood	State Rep., Hampden Dist. 9	2,002	21.4%
				Kenneth Roberts	State Rep., Hampshire Dist. 3	1,090	11.9%
				Michael Coombes	State Rep., Middlesex Dist. 6	1,906	16.4%
				Kenneth Van Tassell	State Rep., Middlesex Dist. 14	3,970	24.8%
				Hassan Smith	Suffolk Cty. Sherriff	25,308	17.5%
				<b>Michigan</b>			
				Jim Fulner	U.S. Sen.	62,790	2.0%
				Mary Buzuma	Governor	35,678	1.1%
				Scotty Boman	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
				Justin Altman	Attorney General	57,279	1.9%
				James Lewis	Secretary of State	61,052	2.0%
				Kerry Morgan	Supreme Court Justice (unexpired term)	236,837	9.6%
				Loel Gnadt	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	3,806	1.5%
				Ronald Welch II	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	3,875	1.8%
				Will White	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	4,692	2.1%
				Harold Jones	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	4,707	2.1%
				Erwin Haas	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	5,530	2.6%
				Ken Proctor	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	4,505	2.0%
				James Weeks II	U.S. Rep., Dist. 8	4,543	1.9%
				Gregory Creswell	U.S. Rep., Dist. 9	4,791	2.1%
				John Tatar	U.S. Rep., Dist. 11	7,710	3.1%
				Bhagwan Dashairya	U.S. Rep., Dist. 12	2,558	1.2%
				Chris Sharer	U.S. Rep., Dist. 13	3,536	2.1%
				Leonard Schwartz	U.S. Rep., Dist. 14	3,365	1.6%
				James Young	State Sen., Dist. 11	2,994	3.1%
				Lorence Wenke	State Sen., Dist. 20	7,263	9.0%
				Jeff Wood	State Sen., Dist. 22	3,108	3.1%
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Name	Position	Total	Pct.	Name	Position	Total	Pct.
				<b>Idaho</b>			
John T. Bujak	Governor	17,883	4.1%	Carletta Morrison	Madison Cty. Comm., South Dist.	1,676	5.8%
Eugene Spencer Smith	State Rep., Dist. 10 Pos. B	297	3.6%	Daniel Ferris	Madison Cty. Council, Dist. 1	437	5.5%
Paul D. Hautzinger	State Rep., Dist. 17 Pos. A	2,431	23.4%	Tim Basey	Madison Cty. Sheriff	4,870	16.6%
Joe Hautzinger	State Rep., Dist. 21 Pos. B	2,828	22.1%	Christopher L. Bowen	Marion Cty. Recorder	8,716	5.6%
Matthew Larsen	State Rep., Dist. 29 Pos. A	643	5.8%	Alexander Jordan	Marrs Township Board (Posey Cty.)	97	2.4%
				Tisha Jacobson-Maher	Marshall Cty. Sheriff	1,205	14.7%
				Dave Nakarado	Monroe Cty. Comm.	3,361	12.9%
				Jose Gilbert Mejia	Perry Township Constable (Marion Cty.)	1,085	6.4%
				William Albert Maxwell III	Pigeon Township Advisory Board (Vanderburgh Cty.)	573	6.8%
				Jordan Carder	Scipio Township Board (LaPorte Cty.)	379	10.6%
				Jonathan Scheller	Scott Township Advisory Board (Vanderburgh Cty.)	615	9.4%
				Garrett J. Klein	Tippecanoe Cty. Comm., Dist. 1	6,323	23.9%
				Randall J. Young	Tippecanoe Cty. Council, Dist. 2	2,084	27.0%
				David Norton	Washington Cty. Auditor	524	7.2%
				Rhonda Greene	Washington Cty. Council, Dist. 3	501	27.1%
				Max Greene	Washington Cty. Sheriff	290	4.0%
				Matt Hisrich	Wayne Cty. Comm., Dist. 1	2,655	28.5%
				Adelbert (Bert) Bell	West Creek Township Board (Lake Cty.)	385	10.2%
				<b>Iowa</b>			
				Douglas Butzier	U.S. Sen.	8,292	0.7%
				Lee Deakins Hieb	Governor	20,139	1.8%
				Ryan Ketelson	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
				Jake Porter	Secretary of State	32,815	3.0%
				Keith A. Laube	State Treasurer	36,804	3.4%
				Edward B. Wright	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	9,038	3.2%
				Clair Tom Thompson	State Sen., Dist. 13	888	3.5%
				Lynne R. Gentry	State Rep., Dist. 10	2,300	21.4%
				Joshua James Herbert	State Rep., Dist. 31	1,523	20.2%
				Eric Cooper	State Rep., Dist. 45	2,054	24.4%
				David Snowden Overby	State Rep., Dist. 57	368	2.9%
				<b>Kansas</b>			
				Randall Batson	U.S. Sen.	36,002	4.3%
				Keen A. Umbehr	Governor	33,708	4.0%
				Joshua J. Umbehr	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
				Christopher Clemmons	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	9,524	4.3%
				Brent Stackhouse	State Rep., Dist. 14	463	6.0%
				Michael Kerner	State Rep., Dist. 17	556	6.3%
				Jeff Caldwell	State Rep., Dist. 36	280	3.8%
				F. Caleb Christopher	State Rep., Dist. 38	764	9.6%
				Gordon Bakken	State Rep., Dist. 84	311	6.5%
				James Pruden	State Rep., Dist. 86	1,062	28.4%
				<b>Kentucky</b>			
				David M. Patterson	U.S. Sen.	44,240	3.1%
				Larry Lea Odom-Groh	Bellemeade Mayor	338	97.1%
				Josh Brotherton	Boone Cty. Comm., Dist. 1	6,632	22.4%
				Christine Kendrick	Boone Cty. Comm., Dist. 2	3,656	11.2%
				James Bozman	Boone Cty. Comm., Dist. 3	5,986	20.3%
				J. Kyle Sweeney	Boone Cty. Judge/Executive	6,766	22.0%
				Joseph Edward Redmon III	Hardin Cty. Constable, Dist. 5	316	12.9%
				Christopher M. Robinson	Kenton Cty. Clerk	6,673	16.3%
				Tracey D. Roberts	Marshall Cty. Magistrate, Dist. 2	2,390	100%
				Shannon Denniston	Montgomery Cty. Justice of the Peace, Dist. 2	1,742	100%
				Chris Dillingham	Warren Cty. Constable, Dist. 2	561	38.6%

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Name	Position	Total	Pct.
William Wenzel	State Sen., Dist. 26	2,944	3.8%
Rodger Young	State Rep., Dist. 47	1,300	4.3%
Michael Stampfler	State Rep., Dist. 61	2,941	8.9%
Ronald Muszynski	State Rep., Dist. 65	971	3.5%
Arnis Davidsons	State Rep., Dist. 80	1,003	3.6%
Roger Snyder	State Rep., Dist. 85	1,473	4.6%
Jim Schell	Livingston Cty. Comm., Dist. 5	308	5.2%
Gordon Rickett	Livingston Cty. Comm., Dist. 9	323	4.1%
Keith Butkovich	Wayne Cty. Executive	14,477	3.0%
<b>Minnesota</b>			
Heather Johnson	U.S. Sen.	29,682	1.5%
Chris Holbrook	Governor	18,082	0.9%
Chris Dock	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
Mary O'Connor	Attorney General	30,008	1.6%
Bob Odden	Secretary of State	40,729	2.1%
Keegan Iversen	State Auditor	30,397	1.6%
Cara Schulz	Burnsville City Council (Dakota Cty.)	7,189	26.3%
Brad Karels	Chanhassen City Council (multiple counties)	482	3.3%
Elizabeth Dahl	Crystal City Council, Ward 1 (Hennepin Cty.)	1,074	61.1%
Olga Parsons	Crystal Section II City Council (Hennepin Cty.)	2,133	64.3%
David Nick	Foley City Council (Benton Cty.)	101	6.8%
Bill Fuchs	Paynesville City Council (Stearns Cty.)	305	18.7%
<b>Missouri</b>			
Sean O'Toole	State Auditor	251,601	19.7%
Robb E. Cunningham	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	8,836	5.5%
Bill Slantz	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	7,507	3.3%
Steven Hedrick	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	8,588	4.5%
Herschel L. Young	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	9,786	5.6%
Roy Welborn	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	5,305	3.5%
Russ Monchil	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	7,193	3.8%
Kevin Craig	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	12,583	7.7%
Rick Vandeven	U.S. Rep., Dist. 8	3,757	2.4%
Jim Higgins	State Sen., Dist. 24	1,715	3.1%
Matthew (Matt) Stephens	State Rep., Dist. 33	1,049	11.7%
Bill Wayne	State Rep., Dist. 51	431	5.2%
Jeff Coleman	State Rep., Dist. 67	294	2.4%
Lisa F. Schaper	State Rep., Dist. 81	1,141	21.0%
Andrew Bolin	State Rep., Dist. 83	474	4.8%
Dean (Draig) Hodge	State Rep., Dist. 103	1,979	21.3%
Bill Boone	State Rep., Dist. 137	479	4.5%
Greg Tlappek	State Rep., Dist. 147	615	8.2%
Ginny Keirns	State Rep., Dist. 153	1,406	17.8%
Lora Young	Cass Cty. Presiding Comm.	1,656	6.6%
Falon Kohler	Cass Cty. Recorder of Deeds	5,117	21.4%
Arthur Hodge	Greene Cty. Circuit Clerk	12,841	21.9%
Benjamin T. Brixey	Greene Cty. Presiding Comm.	3,661	5.9%
Cisse Spragins	Jackson Cty. Legislature, Dist.-at-large 2	3,644	4.6%
Richard Charles Tolbert	Jackson Cty. Executive	3,362	4.1%
Jeffery Curtis Foli	Livingston Cty. Presiding Comm.	120	3.0%
Michael E. Copeland	St. Charles Cty. Recorder	19,204	22.2%
Theo (Ted) Brown, Sr.	St. Louis Cty. Executive	8,046	2.8%
<b>Mississippi</b>			
Danny Bedwell	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	3,781	2.5%
Joey Robinson	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	3,387	2.2%
<b>Montana</b>			
Roger Roots	U.S. Sen.	7,935	2.1%
Mike Fellows	U.S. Rep.	15,419	4.2%
Joan Stanley	State Sen., Dist. 33	451	6.5%
Chris Colvin	State Rep., Dist. 3	138	4.3%
Jeffrey A. Hill	State Rep., Dist. 54	207	5.2%
Ron Vandevender	State Rep., Dist. 80	197	4.8%
Charles Satchfield	State Rep., Dist. 97	91	2.2%
Elena Gagliano	Granite Cty. Comm., Dist. 1	324	22.6%
<b>Nebraska</b>			
Mark G. Elworth Jr.	Governor	18,697	3.5%
Scott Zimmerman	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
Ben Backus	Secretary of State	119,294	24.6%

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Michael Knebel	State Treasurer	27,556	5.3%
Steven Laird	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	8,824	5.3%
John W. Sterup	Johnson Cty. Treasurer	250	15.0%
Felicia Jorgensen	Valley City Council (Douglas Cty.)	189	18.4%
Keith Ottersberg	Wymore City Council, Ward 2 (Gage Cty.)	154	70.0%
<b>New Hampshire</b>			
Lisa Wilber	State Rep., Hillsborough Dist. 2	969	10.2%
<b>New Jersey</b>			
Joseph Baratelli	U.S. Sen.	16,048	0.9%
Dorit Goikhman	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	1,322	1.1%
James Gawron	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	3,332	1.9%
Jeff Hetrick	Chatham Town Council	??	
Steven J. Uccio	Mercer Cty. Freeholder	1,460	1.0%
Brian Pizza	Ocean Cty. Freeholder	4,022	3.0%
<b>Nevada</b>			
Richard "Ricardo" Carlos Charles	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	2,612	3.3%
Randy Kimmick	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	1,563	1.1%
Steve Brown	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	4,117	3.1%
Ed Uehling	State Sen., Dist. 10	4,409	35.1%
Roberto S. Juarez	State Assembly, Dist. 15	450	5.8%
Donald Wayne Hendon	State Assembly, Dist. 19	659	5.0%
Adam-John Sanacore	State Assembly, Dist. 21	398	3.3%
Louis Wedge Gabriel	State Assembly, Dist. 32	1,037	5.7%
Lou Pombo	State Assembly, Dist. 37	470	2.7%
John O'Connor	State Assembly, Dist. 38	1,514	8.9%
Tim Hagan	Clark Cty. Assessor	72,064	23.7%
Jason G. Smith	Clark Cty. Comm., Dist. F	2,008	4.1%
Raymond James Jim Duensing, Jr.	Clark Cty. Dist. Attorney	86,358	27.7%
Douglas Tractor Johnson	Clark Cty. Recorder	11,780	3.6%
Chris Dailey	White Pine Cty. Comm., Seat 1	578	21.1%
<b>New York</b>			
Michael McDermott	Governor	15,215	0.4%
Chris Edes	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
Carl E. Person	Attorney General	23,586	0.7%
John Clifton	Comptroller	25,190	0.7%
Georgina Bowman	State Sen., Dist. 5	724	1.0%
John Kevin Wilson	State Assembly, Dist. 37	748	7.1%
Mark E. Glogowski	State Assembly, Dist. 139	1,337	4.5%
<b>North Carolina</b>			
Sean Haugh	U.S. Sen.	108,321	3.7%
J. Wesley Casteen	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	7,814	3.5%
P. H. Dawkins	State Sen., Dist. 25	1,404	2.5%
Paul Meinhart	State Rep., Dist. 59	1,146	3.5%
Eric Cable	State Rep., Dist. 104	6,254	25.2%
Shelby Mood	State Rep., Dist. 117	5,815	25.2%
Richard C. Evey	Burke Cty. Comm.	1,752	3.9%
Ginny Godfrey	Burke Cty. Comm.	1,746	3.9%
Windy A. McKinney	Haywood Cty. Comm.	4,890	9.8%
John Martin	Macon Cty. Comm., Dist. 2	1,349	7.0%
Jeremy Hussey	Randolph Cty. Comm. Dist. 4	5,422	16.2%
<b>North Dakota</b>			
Robert J. "Jack" Seaman	U.S. Rep.	14,525	5.8%
Roland Riemers	Secretary of State	12,914	5.3%
Anthony Mangnall	Tax Comm.	15,231	6.4%
<b>Ohio</b>			
Kevin Knedler	Secretary of State	138,026	4.6%
Bob Bridges	State Auditor	139,801	4.7%
Eric Eberly	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	9,142	4.6%
David A. Harlow	U.S. Rep., Dist. 10	6,436	3.3%
David Macko	U.S. Rep., Dist. 14	7,817	3.7%
Nathan Eberly	State Rep., Dist. 3	1,987	5.9%
Chad Monnin	State Rep., Dist. 19	3,185	8.3%
Mark Noble	State Rep., Dist. 24	1,983	5.1%
Queen Noble	State Rep., Dist. 31	844	3.2%
Robert F. Sherwin	State Rep., Dist. 57	1,658	5.2%
Scott C. Pettigrew	State Rep., Dist. 62	1,881	5.9%
Gregory A. Norris	State Rep., Dist. 83	2,297	8.7%
Nelson E. Roe	State Rep., Dist. 97	6,919	25.2%
James Snedden, Jr.	Licking Cty. Comm.	2,525	5.5%

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Roger D. Staton	Warren Cty. Common Pleas Judge	7,418	16.6%
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
Richard Prawdzienski	Governor	9,125	1.1%
<b>Oregon</b>			
Mike Montchalín	U.S. Sen.	44,010	3.1%
Paul Grad	Governor	21,427	1.5%
James Foster	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	11,060	4.0%
Sharon L. Durbin	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	10,073	3.6%
Jeffrey J. Langan	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	6,197	2.2%
David Chester	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	4,606	1.5%
Daniel K. Souza	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	5,104	1.8%
William Bollinger	State Sen., Dist. 4	1,979	3.8%
Glen E. Ewert	State Sen., Dist. 10	5,273	12.1%
Caitlin Mitchel-Markley	State Sen., Dist. 15	3,546	9.0%
Perry R. Roll	State Sen., Dist. 16	1,871	3.9%
Michael Marvin	State Sen., Dist. 23	5,950	12.8%
Jeff Adams	State Rep., Dist. 2	1,182	5.6%
Mark J. Seligman	State Rep., Dist. 3	1,556	6.5%
Brandon M. Boertje	State Rep., Dist. 7	3,647	17.8%
Guy S. Rosinbaum	State Rep., Dist. 9	1,007	4.3%
Thad Marney	State Rep., Dist. 22	276	2.3%
Mark Karnowski	State Rep., Dist. 23	673	2.5%
Kohler Johnson	State Rep., Dist. 24	663	2.8%
Chuck Huntting	State Rep., Dist. 26	957	4.1%
Robert D. Martin	State Rep., Dist. 27	3,927	18.2%
Lars D. H. Hedbor	State Rep., Dist. 28	3,256	18.2%
Kyle Markley	State Rep., Dist. 30	1,840	8.9%
Robert Miller	State Rep., Dist. 31	1,070	4.3%
Mark W. Vetanen	State Rep., Dist. 33	4,125	17.6%
John S. Gerboth	State Rep., Dist. 35	4,023	18.0%
Amanda Burnham	State Rep., Dist. 36	3,535	14.2%
Bruce Alexander Knight	State Rep., Dist. 42	2,437	8.6%
Frank W. Brannen	State Rep., Dist. 55	1,270	5.3%
R. Mack Augenfeld	Baker City Council	1,574	22.3%
Ed Siener	Benton Cty. Comm., Pos. 1	1,449	4.3%
Jack Stillwell	Deschutes Cty. Comm., Pos. 1	2,214	3.5%
Curt Ankerberg	Jackson Cty. Comm., Pos. 1	4,760	6.4%
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
Ken Krawchuk	Governor	??	
Henry Haller	Lieutenant Governor	??	
Betsy Summers	U.S. Rep., Dist. 11	??	
Theodore Manko	U.S. Rep., Dist. 13	??	
George Brown	State Rep., Dist. 42	??	
Charles T. Martin	State Rep., Dist. 77	1,353	15.9%
Thomas E. McCall	State Rep., Dist. 105	??	
John A. Burd	State Rep., Dist. 107	3,109	22.3%
Betsy Summers	State Rep., Dist. 121	3,296	32.3%
Alex Humanick	State Rep., Dist. 133	??	
Paul Rizzo	State Rep., Dist. 138	??	
Steve Scheetz	State Rep., Dist. 140	??	
Steven Ayer	State Rep., Dist. 153	??	
Richard Schwarz	State Rep., Dist. 182	??	
Chuck Boust	State Rep., Dist. 199	??	
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
Tony Jones	Lieutenant Governor	10,218	3.3%
<b>South Carolina</b>			
Victor Kocher	U.S. Sen.	33,839	2.7%
Steve French	Governor	15,438	1.2%
Curtis E. McLaughlin Jr.	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	21,969	14.7%
Kevin R. Umbaugh	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	3,176	1.8%
Travis McCurry	State Rep., Dist. 3	983	16.0%
Jeremy C. Walters	State Rep., Dist. 26	1,814	19.8%
Rodney Travis	State Rep., Dist. 109	1,195	16.4%
Colin Ross	State Rep., Dist. 119	389	3.5%
Kevin Beck	Edgefield Cty. Probate Judge	1,356	22.2%
<b>South Dakota</b>			
Chad Haber	Attorney General	45,856	18.0%
John English	Comm. of School & Public Lands	53,836	23.5%
Emmett Reistroffer	Secretary of State	8,328	3.2%
Kurt Evans	State Auditor	48,103	20.1%
Ken Santema	State Treasurer	13,615	5.3%

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<b>Tennessee</b>				George Hardy	State Sen., Dist. 17	3,638	2.0%
Joshua James	U.S. Sen.	5,672	0.4%	Jonathan F. Erhardt	State Sen., Dist. 23	2,202	1.8%
Daniel T. Lewis	Governor	8,315	0.6%	Brandin P. Lea	State Sen., Dist. 25	7,099	3.0%
Leonard D. Ladner	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	5,092	3.2%	Cory Lane	State Sen., Dist. 30	21,527	13.3%
<b>Texas</b>				Steven Gibson	State Sen., Dist. 31	11,369	9.6%
Rebecca Paddock	U.S. Sen.	133,467	2.9%	B. Larry Parr	State Rep., Dist. 3	2,814	9.0%
Kathie Glass	Governor	75,488	1.6%	Frederick (Rick) Stralow	State Rep., Dist. 4	3,250	10.9%
Robert D. Butler	Lieutenant Governor	119,581	2.6%	Ron Walenta	State Rep., Dist. 5	2,548	7.7%
Jamie Balagia	Attorney General	118,183	2.5%	Joel Gardner	State Rep., Dist. 6	3,690	12.2%
Ben Sanders	Comptroller of Public Accounts	136,969	3.0%	John Wilford	State Rep., Dist. 8	3,574	12.1%
David (Rocky) Palmquist	Comm. of Agriculture	132,299	2.9%	Bruce L. Pugh	State Rep., Dist. 14	765	3.4%
Justin Knight	Comm. of General Land Office	126,203	2.7%	Bob Townsend	State Rep., Dist. 16	887	2.6%
Mark A. Miller	Railroad Comm.	145,127	3.2%	Jarrold Weaver	State Rep., Dist. 20	1,882	3.9%
Tom Oxford	Supreme Court Chief Justice	141,077	3.1%	Jim Duke	State Rep., Dist. 45	9,675	27.4%
Mark Ash	Supreme Court Justice, Place 6	146,259	3.2%	Kevin Ludlow	State Rep., Dist. 46	4,546	16.0%
Don Fulton	Supreme Court Justice, Place 7	126,497	2.8%	Scott G. McKinlay	State Rep., Dist. 47	13,807	27.0%
RS Roberto Koelsch	Supreme Court Justice, Place 8	446,828	12.0%	Ben Easton	State Rep., Dist. 48	11,110	21.9%
Mark W. Bennett	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 3	165,282	3.6%	Daniel Krawisz	State Rep., Dist. 49	6,748	14.9%
Quanah Parker	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 4	498,125	13.2%	David Dreesen	State Rep., Dist. 50	1,617	4.2%
William Bryan Strange, III	Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 9	491,263	13.2%	Arthur DiBianca	State Rep., Dist. 51	3,102	12.7%
James B. Veasaw	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	2,315	1.5%	Irene Johnson	State Rep., Dist. 52	1,626	5.0%
Ken Ashby	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	15,252	14.5%	Maximilian Martin	State Rep., Dist. 53	4,126	10.1%
Hugh Chauvin	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	3,634	2.4%	Clif Deuvall	State Rep., Dist. 56	5,125	16.7%
Gerald Fowler	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	3,133	2.2%	Patrick Peavy	State Rep., Dist. 67	6,899	21.5%
Ken Petty	U.S. Rep., Dist. 8	14,930	10.7%	J. Alexandro Lozano	State Rep., Dist. 76	1,765	12.9%
Johnny Johnson	U.S. Rep., Dist. 9	7,886	9.2%	Kerry McKennon	State Rep., Dist. 88	1,627	6.8%
Bill Kelsey	U.S. Rep., Dist. 10	6,476	3.7%	Felicia Whatley	State Rep., Dist. 91	1,019	3.1%
Ryan T. Lange	U.S. Rep., Dist. 11	11,607	9.7%	Robert Harris	State Rep., Dist. 94	1,172	2.9%
Ed Colliver	U.S. Rep., Dist. 12	3,785	2.4%	Quinn Eaker	State Rep., Dist. 96	5,442	19.3%
Emily Pivoda	U.S. Rep., Dist. 13	2,860	2.2%	Rod Wingo	State Rep., Dist. 97	6,288	18.4%
John Wieder	U.S. Rep., Dist. 14	3,025	2.1%	Brian Chapman	State Rep., Dist. 100	1,919	10.0%
Johnny Partain	U.S. Rep., Dist. 15	2,437	2.7%	Carl Nulsen	State Rep., Dist. 101	2,720	15.4%
Jaime O. Perez	U.S. Rep., Dist. 16	2,438	3.3%	W. Carl Spiller	State Rep., Dist. 105	448	1.8%
Shawn Michael Hamilton	U.S. Rep., Dist. 17	3,997	3.0%	Rodney Caston	State Rep., Dist. 106	883	2.5%
Richard (Chip) Peterson	U.S. Rep., Dist. 19	5,134	4.4%	Michael Binkley	State Rep., Dist. 112	4,305	18.4%
Jeffrey C. Blunt	U.S. Rep., Dist. 20	21,400	24.3%	Thomas Griffing	State Rep., Dist. 114	5,860	18.9%
Ryan Shields	U.S. Rep., Dist. 21	25,483	13.5%	Kim Kelley	State Rep., Dist. 115	999	3.4%
Rob Lapham	U.S. Rep., Dist. 22	2,861	1.9%	Gilberto Villela	State Rep., Dist. 120	3,636	17.7%
Ruben Corvalan	U.S. Rep., Dist. 23	2,960	2.5%	Jeff Carruthers	State Rep., Dist. 121	7,381	17.9%
Mike Kolls	U.S. Rep., Dist. 24	3,799	2.6%	James M. Holland	State Rep., Dist. 122	7,486	15.0%
John Betz	U.S. Rep., Dist. 25	6,288	3.5%	Daniel Behrman	State Rep., Dist. 125	5,143	23.1%
Mark Boler	U.S. Rep., Dist. 26	24,490	17.3%	Cris Hernandez	State Rep., Dist. 126	3,787	13.7%
Roxanne Simonson	U.S. Rep., Dist. 27	3,552	2.7%	Ken Lowder	State Rep., Dist. 128	2,446	9.3%
William Aikens	U.S. Rep., Dist. 28	10,146	13.3%	Justin Billiot	State Rep., Dist. 136	1,808	4.7%
James Stanczak	U.S. Rep., Dist. 29	4,818	10.5%	Rhett Rosenquest Smith	Bexar Cty. Judge	7,258	2.4%
Max W. Koch III	U.S. Rep., Dist. 30	7,149	6.8%	Annette Anderson	Bexar Cty. Comm., Precinct 2	8,492	16.4%
Scott J. Ballard	U.S. Rep., Dist. 31	5,693	4.0%	Jason R. Pipoly	Bexar Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 Place 2	20,219	18.8%
Ed Rankin	U.S. Rep., Dist. 32	4,271	2.7%	Linda Wilbert	Brazos Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	231	5.7%
Jason Reeves	U.S. Rep., Dist. 33	6,822	13.5%	Preston Poulter	Dallas Cty. Judge	8,987	2.3%
Ryan Rowley	U.S. Rep., Dist. 34	1,562	2.0%	Esperanza Garcia-Weller	Dallas Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Place 1	8,821	15.9%
Cory W. Bruner	U.S. Rep., Dist. 35	2,760	2.9%	Manny Hinojosa	El Paso Cty. Dist. Clerk	11,631	18.3%
Rodney Veach	U.S. Rep., Dist. 36	1,940	1.5%	Brad Walters	Harris Cty. Criminal Court No. 10 Judge	26,136	4.0%
Josh Morales	State Board of Education, Dist. 3	6,808	3.1%	Stephen S. Carter	McLennan Cty. Comm., Precinct 2	205	3.3%
Megan DaGata	State Board of Education, Dist. 7	7,984	2.3%	Gary Cunha	McLennan Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 1	1,151	5.0%
Craig Sanders	State Board of Education, Dist. 11	13,034	3.5%	David Reichert	McLennan Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2	2,667	13.1%
Mark Wester	State Board of Education, Dist. 12	12,172	3.4%	Clinton L. Chase	McLennan Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2	258	9.6%
Junart Sudoy	State Board of Education, Dist. 13	19,510	10.2%	Doug Froneberger	McLennan Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	620	8.6%
Don Bates	State Sen., Dist. 2	19,609	16.4%	Rand Cates	Rusk Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5	450	14.0%
J. Tyler Lindsey	State Sen., Dist. 3	14,494	9.4%	John Clare	Tarrant Cty. Dist. Clerk	11,288	3.1%
Matthew Whittington	State Sen., Dist. 5	6,587	3.8%	Richard Perkins	Travis Cty. Judge	12,585	4.9%
Whitney Bilyeu	State Sen., Dist. 7	3,244	1.9%	Kevin Pick	Travis Cty. Dist. Clerk	48,305	22.3%
Scott Jameson	State Sen., Dist. 8	30,224	21.0%	Michael M. Holt	Travis Cty. Clerk	43,261	19.1%
Gene Lord	State Sen., Dist. 10	3,337	1.8%	Mike Burris	Travis Cty. Treasurer	49,940	22.5%
James Arthur Strohm	State Sen., Dist. 14	38,592	20.0%	Steven Haskett	Travis Cty. Comm., Precinct 2	4,541	6.2%
Gilberto Velasquez, Jr.	State Sen., Dist. 15	2,945	2.4%	Joseph Morse	Travis Cty. Comm., Precinct 4	6,818	16.7%
				Daniel Martin Ruble	Travis Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2	4,206	5.5%
				Nathan Kleffman	Travis Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3	17,169	25.4%
				Zach Warren	Travis Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	3,435	14.7%
				Peggy LaGrone	Upshur Cty. Clerk	1,250	15.5%
				Meta Lyons-Bates	Williamson Cty. Comm., Precinct 2	1,375	5.5%
				Rob Frische	Williamson Cty. Comm., Precinct 4	1,013	5.2%
				Dan Michael	Williamson Cty. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2	5,495	25.8%
				<b>Utah</b>			
				W. Andrew McCullough	Attorney General	19,252	3.9%
				Craig Bowden	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	3,941	3.6%
				Jim L. Vein	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	1,154	0.9%
				Brent Zimmerman	State Sen., Dist. 22	1,201	7.2%
				Roger S. Condie	State Rep., Dist. 7	277	4.4%
				Megan Clegg	State Rep., Dist. 23	200	5.5%
				Chelsea Travis	State Rep., Dist. 35	175	4.1%
				Rainer Huck	State Rep., Dist. 40	409	5.2%
				Bret Black	State Rep., Dist. 44	264	3.5%
				Lee Anne Walker	State Rep., Dist. 46	409	4.3%
				Barry Evan Short	State Rep., Dist. 72	858	16.2%
				<b>Virginia</b>			
				Robert C. Sarvis	U.S. Sen.	53,101	2.4%
				Bo C. Brown	U.S. Rep., Dist. 4	4,427	2.2%
				Paul F. Jones	U.S. Rep., Dist. 5	4,298	2.1%
				William M. Will Hammer	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	22,161	12.3%
				James A. Carr, Jr.	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	5,086	2.1%
				Jeffrey S. Carson	U.S. Rep., Dist. 8	4,409	2.2%
				William B. Redpath	U.S. Rep., Dist. 10	3,393	1.5%
				Marc M. Harrold	U.S. Rep., Dist. 11	3,264	1.7%
				Joshua J. Huffman	Harrisonburg City Council	523	3.9%
				<b>Vermont</b>			
				Dan Feliciano	Governor	8,428	4.4%
				John Cisar	State Sen., Chittenden Cty.	3,896	2.1%
				Christopher Coolidge	State Sen., Chittenden Cty.	3,694	2.0%
				Ben Mayer	State Sen., Chittenden Cty.	3,310	1.8%
				Travis Spencer	State Sen., Chittenden Cty.	3,405	1.8%
				Paul Washburn	State Sen., Chittenden Cty.	4,113	2.2%
				Glyn Wilkinson	State Sen., Chittenden Cty.	2,706	1.4%
				Roy Collette	State Rep., Chittenden 6-1 (Burlington)	49	0.9%
				Loyal Ploof	State Rep., Chittenden 6-1 (Burlington)	68	1.3%
				Varpilah Chase	State Rep., Chittenden 8-1 (Essex Junction)	466	12.6%
				Lillith Soleil	State Rep., Chittenden 8-2 (Essex Junction)	67	1.2%
				Dana Rushford	State Rep., Chittenden 9-2 (Colchester)	90	1.9%
				Ted Schaft	State Rep., Rutland 2 (Proctor)	414	9.5%
				Jonathan Stauffer	Chittenden Cty. High Bailiff	2,279	5.7%
				Owen Mulligan	Chittenden Cty. Sheriff	4,672	11.4%
				<b>Washington</b>			
				Steven Nielson	State Rep., Dist. 2 Pos. 2	9,554	28.1%
				Paul Delaney	State Rep., Dist. 3 Pos. 2	9,820	30.5%
				James R. Apker	State Rep., Dist. 7 Pos. 1	9,385	20.2%
				Michael Scott	State Rep., Dist. 10 Pos. 1	11,455	23.7%
				David A. Steenson	State Rep., Dist. 19 Pos. 1	12,736	33.1%
				Paul Addis	State Rep., Dist. 36 Pos. 2	7,259	13.8%
				Elijah Olson	State Rep., Dist. 38 Pos. 2	9,798	32.9%
				Tim Turner	State Rep., Dist. 48 Pos. 2	10,824	30.8%
				<b>Wisconsin</b>			
				Robert Burke	Governor	18,375	0.8%
				Joseph Brost	Lieutenant Governor	ticket	
				Thomas A. Nelson Sr.	Attorney General	71,490	3.0%
				Andy Craig	Secretary of State	58,882	2.5%
				Jerry Shidell	Treasurer	52,978	2.3%
				Keith Dechsler	U.S. Rep., Dist. 1	??	
				Gus Fahrendorf	U.S. Rep., Dist. 6	6,850	2.3%
				Rob Taylor	U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	??	
				Wendy Friedrich	State Sen., Dist. 5	19,997	26.4%
				Laurie Kroeger	State Assembly, Dist. 30	746	3.2%
				Phillip N. Anderson	State Assembly, Dist. 47	4,592	18.4%
				Adam Laufenberg	State Assembly, Dist. 51	1,177	5.3%
				George Meyers	State Assembly, Dist. 66	2,777	18.7%

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# Eight LP candidates elected to partisan office, nine to nonpartisan positions

By Arthur DiBianca

Seventeen Libertarians were elected or re-elected to public office on Nov. 4. Eight were elected to partisan offices, and the other nine were nonpartisan. Additionally, Chad Perry of Louisiana advanced to a December runoff for Calcasieu Parish Justice of the Peace.

In Florida, Richard Paul was elected to the Lee County Mosquito Control District board with more than 76,000 votes (about 55 percent).

In Louisiana, William McBride was elected to the Washington City Council, defeating a Republican opponent. Libertarian victories over Republican and/or Democratic opponents are very rare.

Ten of the winners were elected without opposition, and most winners were in small jurisdictions.

Congratulations to these newest elected Libertarians! Local officials can have a lot of control over tax rates, budgets, and regulations. Elected Libertarians are often able to reduce the burden of local government on their constituents.

A complete list of Libertarian elected officials is available at LP.org.

## Libertarian Party candidates elected to office in 2014

State	Name	Office	Votes
AR	Bobby Tullis	Mineral Springs Mayor	232
AR	Casey Copeland	Prairie Grove Alderman	Unopposed
AR	Jacob Faught	Benton County Constable	Unopposed
CA	John J. "Jack" Hickey	Sequoia Healthcare District	16,909
FL	Richard Paul	Lee County Mosquito Control District, Area 4	76,519
IN	Cheryl Heacox*	Clay Township Board	92
IN	Stephen A Coffman*	Liberty Township Advisory Board	131
KY	Larry Lea Odom-Groh	Bellemeade Mayor	338 (Unopposed)
KY	Tracey D. Roberts	Marshall County Magistrate, District 2	2,390 (Unopposed)
KY	Shannon Denniston	Montgomery County Justice of the Peace, District 2	1,742 (Unopposed)
LA	William McBride	Washington City Council, District 3	81
LA	Henry Herford	Franklin Parish Constable, District 1	Unopposed
LA	Justin Bonnette	Vernon Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 6	Unopposed
MN	Elizabeth Dahl	Crystal City Council, Ward 1	1,074
MN	Olga Parsons	Crystal Section II City Council	2,133
NE	Keith Ottersberg	Wymore City Council, Ward 2	154
OR	R Mack Augenfeld*	Baker City Council	1,574

\* Effectively unopposed, because the number of seats up for election was equal to the number of candidates on the ballot.

# LP candidates provide outstanding example of fundraising success

By Carla Howell

Hats off to the Libertarian candidates who raised the most money for their 2014 campaigns.

Many of the top Libertarian fundraisers contributed significant amounts of their own funds to their campaigns.

“The generosity shown by these candidates is exemplary,” said Nicholas Sarwark, chair of the Libertarian National Committee.

In the table to the right are preliminary estimates of the top fundraising Libertarian campaigns for the November 2014 election, rounded to the nearest thousands of dollars.

## Top LP candidate campaign funds raised (in thousands)

• Kathie Glass for governor — TX	\$283	• John Buckley for U.S. Senate — WV	\$27
• Chad Monnin for state House — OH	\$250	• Wesley Casteen for U.S. House — NC	\$27
• Adrian Wyllie for governor — FL	\$141	• Jeff Carson for U.S. House — VA	\$21
• Aaron Starr for city council — Oxnard, CA	\$112	• Amanda Swafford for U.S. Senate — GA	\$21
• Keen Umbehr for governor — KS	\$75	• Anthony Higa for state House — HI	\$17
• Rob Sarvis for U.S. Senate — VA	\$73	• Michael McDermott for governor — NY	\$15
• Ray Netherwood for U.S. House — FL	\$47	• Victor Kocher for U.S. Senate — SC	\$14
• Andrew Hunt for governor — GA	\$39	• Bill Redpath for U.S. House — VA	\$13
• Bill Wohlsifer for attorney general — FL	\$36	• Danny Bedwell for U.S. House — MS	\$13
• Kevin Ludlow for state House — TX	\$28	• Rufus Craig for U.S. House — LA	\$13

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Name	Position	Total	Pct.	Name	Position	Total	Pct.
<b>West Virginia</b>				<b>Special Fusion Cases (Libertarian appeared with Rep. and/or Dem. label)</b>			
John Buckley	U.S. Sen.	7,254	1.6%	<b>New York</b>			
Davy Jones	U.S. Rep., Dist. 2	7,462	5.0%	Grant M. Lally	U.S. Rep., Dist. 3	71,212	45.5%
Patrick Smith	State Sen., Dist. 12	1,975		David B. Casavis	State Assembly, Dist. 73	6,965	30.5%
Michael Ray	State Rep., Dist. 50	1,503		<b>Oregon</b>			
Ed Olesh	State Rep., Dist. 51	1,080		Dave Dotterrer	State Sen., Dist. 3	23,694	44.4%
<b>Wyoming</b>				Michael P. Spasaro	State Sen., Dist. 6	17,965	40.8%
Joseph S.Porambo	U.S. Sen.	3,677	2.2%	Betsy L. Close	State Sen., Dist. 8	21,922	43.8%
Dee Cozzens	Governor	4,040	2.4%	Kim Thatcher	State Sen., Dist. 13	27,539	58.6%
Kit Carson	Secretary of State	16,858	10.8%	John Verbeek	State Sen., Dist. 17	15,639	33.8%
Richard Brubaker	U.S. Rep.	7,112	4.3%	Robert R. Bruce	State Sen., Dist. 26	18,437	43.0%
				Sal Esquivel	State Rep., Dist. 6	15,327	95.9%
				<b>Sept. 18 Alaska Election</b>			
				Laura D. Cooper	State Rep., Dist. 13	7,378	30.4%
				Sherrie Sprenger	State Rep., Dist. 17	16,633	73.7%
				Bill Post	State Rep., Dist. 25	12,469	54.9%
				Mark Richman	State Rep., Dist. 29	8,321	45.9%
				Brenden King	State Rep., Dist. 34	6,807	33.4%
				Timothy E. McMenamin	State Rep., Dist. 41	7,743	29.2%
				Geo (Sonny) W. Yellott	State Rep., Dist. 48	5,040	32.0%
				Jodi Bailey	State Rep., Dist. 51	9,391	47.2%
				Mark Johnson	State Rep., Dist. 52	12,930	54.5%
				Knute C. Buehler	State Rep., Dist. 54	14,757	58.5%
				Gail Whitsett	State Rep., Dist. 56	16,252	97.2%
				Amanda Mitchell	Ketchikan City Council	557	16.8%



# Libertarian Party—issued news releases:

## Stop deceiving Americans with the term ‘government shutdown’

It's a government slowdown, not a shutdown. If you read this Libertarian news release, yet continue to use the term “government shutdown” in news reports, then you're willfully deceiving the American people.

News media commonly warns that a “government shutdown” will result if there's a breakdown in funding negotiations between Democratic and Republican politicians. But there is no pending “government shutdown.”

Nor has there ever been anything close to a “government shutdown” in modern American history.

A government slowdown merely reduces spending to the level of taxes collected. In other words, it balances the budget. And that's bad — why?

The term “government shutdown” is designed to scare people into thinking there can be no police protection, military defense, road repairs, or other essential services unless Americans cough up more money to fund the ludicrously over-funded federal government.

This is a manipulation and a lie.

Let's review what happened during the 16-day government slowdown of October 2013:

- Not a single emergency service was suspended.
- Politicians gave full back pay to 100 percent of government employees who they had furloughed immediately after the slowdown ended. It amounted to a free vacation for government employees (who already get, on average, far more generous personal, sick, and va-

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**— Nicholas J. Sarwark, LNC Chair**

cation time than private-sector employees).

- Despite claims that the U.S. economy would lose \$24 billion, it suffered no loss, only a shift in where money was spent.
- When the slowdown ended, Democratic and Republican politicians raised federal spending and government debt — again.

“Call it what it is: a government slowdown,” said Nicholas J. Sarwark, Libertarian National Committee chair. “And tell Americans the truth: We need much more than a slowdown. We need to dramatically and permanently roll back the federal government to an appropriate size.”

“The federal government should be limited to protecting American lives, liberty, and property,” he said. “We must start by removing government barriers that prohibit or impair free market alternatives to health

care, education, finance, communications, housing, manufacturing, agriculture, and virtually every market where it improperly intervenes. This will allow Americans to enjoy high-quality, competitively-priced goods and services.”

“Such a small, lean, accountable federal government with a strong military defense would cost no more than a few hundred billion dollars — about 10 percent of current spending levels,” Sarwark said. “This would stop mass surveillance, inflation, destructive foreign wars, the failed drug prohibition, laws that disarm innocent Americans and other infringements on our rights.”

“Government downsizing would put an end to mounds of wasteful red tape and bureaucracy, allowing American businesses to thrive in a competitive world marketplace,” he continued. “Transferring wealth out of the government sector and into the private sector would create roughly twice as many productive jobs as the number of government jobs lost — a win for both government employees and the millions of Americans looking for jobs or better pay.”

“What Americans should really fear is the likelihood that, despite the hullabaloo we hear over a phony ‘shutdown,’ the government will stay big and continue to grow,” Sarwark said. “The Libertarian Party exists to correct this. We are the only political party in America dedicated to making government small, enabling prosperity and advancing freedom.”

## An open letter from Libertarian Party Chair Nicholas Sarwark to Sen. Rand Paul

Dear Sen. Paul,

We agree with you that Congress should obey the Constitution. We should never engage in foreign wars without a congressional declaration of war, a restraint on military action put in place by our Founding Fathers to ensure lawmakers never send our troops to war without deliberation.

But a constitutional war in the Middle East is just as bloody, destructive, and likely to incite terrorism as an unconstitutional war.

Our half-century of interventions in the Middle East have been a colossal failure. We have provided arms, military training, and subsidies to virtually every country in the region, inciting continual war and unrest. This has created a breeding ground for international terrorists that pose a real danger to our country and the



Sen. Rand Paul

world — one that would not have existed had we kept our noses out of the affairs of other countries.

U.S. military interventions have put our troops in harm's way, separated them needlessly from their families, and led to tens of thousands of American deaths and casualties — plus many more losses for innocent citizens of foreign countries.

We agree with your father, Ron Paul, who for decades was a lonely yet brave voice in Congress for peace. He was right when he called for getting the U.S. military out of the Middle East.

Everyone knows that you're postur-

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ing to get the Republican nomination for president in 2016. But for this long-shot hope of winning the nomination, you have endorsed a roster of hawkish Big Government Republicans — from Mitt Romney to Mitch McConnell. And now you're calling for sending our troops back to Iraq, which will be a death sentence for many of them.

Just how much can your long-shot presidential bid be worth? Is it worth the

lives of these young men and women? The Libertarian Party says, “Absolutely not!”

While we agree with your view that no funds should be allocated to an illegal war, a policy of non-intervention remains the only just and reasonable approach to dealing with the Middle East — a land halfway around the world where the United States does not belong.

Your bid for a declaration of war against ISIS is unjustifiable and dangerous. Please withdraw it immediately.

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas J. Sarwark Chair, Libertarian National Committee

## AFFILIATE News And Events

**Affiliate news and events are provided to LP News by Libertarian Party state affiliates.**

### Illinois

*Candidates shatter LPIL election records*

It was a historic election for the Libertarian Party of Illinois. Although we finished just short of our goal to become an established party, our candidates shattered Libertarian election records for Illinois offices while voter turnout fell to an all-time low. This achievement came even as we faced unprecedented challenges to our existence by the established duopoly.

Despite our meeting some of the nation's toughest ballot-access requirements, Republicans launched a massive legal assault to throw us off the ballot. They even sent armed private investigators to the homes of petition signatories, but they couldn't stop destiny. We obtained nearly double the amount of signatures required by law and put Libertarian options on ballots across the state.

Julie Fox, who proved to be our strongest candidate, won 4.8 percent of the vote in her third race for Illinois comptroller. As the only certified public accountant with both public- and private-sector experience, she was clearly the most qualified in the three-way contest. In retrospect, Ju-

lie offered the following:

"Various endorsements from figures such as Gary Johnson, former Congressman Joe Walsh, Taxpayers United, and the Illinois Herald certainly played a part in our strong finish. On the flipside, our 'Who is Julie Fox?' marketing approach was great fun, found success in the grassroots, and truly did provoke many people to ask the question! I also had a full-time campaign manager for the first time, and surrounded myself with reliable staff who put in a tremendous amount of time to produce radio ads, YouTube videos, a great website and social media presence which raised money for distributing campaign literature."

Matthew Skopek (4.2 percent), candidate for treasurer, saw more than a 100 percent increase in votes over his 2010 predecessor. U.S. Senate candidate Sharon Hansen shared this in regard to her 3.8 percent finish:

"Throughout my campaign, I found that 95 percent of people I met agreed with my beliefs and pledged their votes without my asking them to!"

In addition to the electoral gains, Libertarianism is growing like never before in Illinois. Many media outlets, previously afraid to mention us, now tell our story, realizing our undeniable relevance to Illinoisans. Riding these waves of success, we are experiencing a phenomenal surge in new members and volunteers

while the establishment continues its steady decline. All the signs point to us. We are the future, and will soon see Liberty triumph in Illinois. 2016, here we come.

### Iowa

*Close to obtaining major party status*

LP IA had candidates in 11 races in a year where the Iowa incumbents for governor (R) and state treasurer (D) won, making these elected officials some of the longest-serving in U.S. history. Term limits for Iowa?

Governor: Lee Hieb was one of five candidates on the ballot for governor, and she came very close to meeting the 2 percent of votes needed to enable us to obtain major party status. She received 1.8 percent of the vote, the most ever by a Libertarian running for governor in Iowa. Hieb was a guest on several radio and TV programs, which allowed her to reach voters statewide.

U.S. Senate: We lost U.S. Senate candidate Dr. Doug Butzier in a plane crash a few weeks before the election. Many voters still voted for Doug as a tribute vote.

Libertarian Rick Stewart was so passionate about campaigning about liberty that he ran as an independent. Rick covered the state twice, and received 26,566 votes for 2.4 percent of the vote in a six-person race.

U.S. Congress: In a four-person race, Ed Wright garnered the most votes and the highest percent of votes (3.2 percent) ever by a Libertarian running for U.S. Congress in Iowa. Many voters did "Choose Freedom," Wright's campaign slogan.

Secretary of state: This was Jake Porter's second bid for the secretary of state office. Jake received 3.0 percent of the vote in a four-way race and used his campaign experience to help other candidates.

Treasurer of state: Keith Laube received 36,804 votes (3.4 percent) in a three-way race where the incumbent won a ninth consecutive term. Laube received the most votes ever for an Iowa Libertarian running for treasurer of state, and the second-most votes ever by a Libertarian candidate in Iowa.

Iowa General Assembly: Iowa Senate candidate Tom Thompson and Iowa representative candidate David Overby received 3.5 percent and 2.9 percent, respectively, in

three-way races. Iowa representative candidates Eric Cooper (District 45), Brian Cook (District 96), Lynne Gentry (District 10) and Joshua Herbert (District 31) each received more than 20 percent of the vote in their races. Eric Cooper received the highest percentage of votes (24.4 percent) ever by a Libertarian running for the Iowa House.

### Missouri

*Boldly spreading the message of freedom*

We sincerely thank the 28 candidates who carried the Missouri LP banner in Tuesday's election. Results were:

- State Auditor — Sean O'Toole (3) — 19.7%
- U.S. Congress 1 — Robb Cunningham (3) — 5.5%
- U.S. Congress 2 — Bill Slantz (3) — 3.3%
- U.S. Congress 3 — Steven Hedrick (3) — 4.5%
- U.S. Congress 4 — Herschel L. Young (3) — 5.6%
- U.S. Congress 5 — Roy Welborn (3) — 3.5%
- U.S. Congress 6 — Russ Monchil (3) — 3.8%
- U.S. Congress 7 — Kevin Craig (3) — 7.7%
- U.S. Congress 8 — Rick Vandeven (5) — 2.4%
- State Senator 24 — Jim Higgins (3) — 3.1%
- State Rep 33 — Matthew (Matt) Stephens (3) — 11.7%
- State Rep 51 — Bill Wayne (3) — 5.2%
- State Rep 67 — Jeff Coleman (3) — 2.4%
- State Rep 81 — Lisa Schaper (2) — 21.0%
- State Rep 83 — Andrew Bolin (3) — 4.8%
- State Rep 103 — Dean (Draig) Hodge (2) — 21.3%
- State Rep 137 — Bill Boone (3) — 4.5%
- State Rep 147 — Greg Tlappek (3) — 8.2%
- State Rep 153 — Ginny Keirns (2) — 17.8%
- Presiding Commissioner, Cass County — Lora Young (3) — 6.6%
- Recorder of Deeds, Cass County — Fallon Kohler (2) — 21.4%
- Presiding Commissioner, Greene County — Benjamin Brixey (3) — 5.9%
- Circuit Clerk, Greene County — Arthur Hodge (2) — 21.9%
- County Legislature, 2nd At-Large, Jackson County — Cisse Spragins (3) — 4.3%
- County Executive, Jackson County —

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LP Illinois 2014 candidate Julie Fox for comptroller works with two campaign volunteers, Thomas Hill and John Kramer.

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- Charles Richard Tolbert (3) — 4.4%
- Presiding Commissioner, Livingston County — Jeff Foli (3) — 3.0%
- County Recorder, St. Charles County — Michael Copeland (2) — 22.3%
- County Executive, St. Louis County — Theo (Ted) Brown (4) — 2.8%

At the top of the ticket was the race for state auditor, wherein the incumbent Republican had already essentially announced that he is running for governor in 2016, and, if successful, will then vacate the auditor's seat early. There was no Democrat in the race, but there was a candidate from the Constitution Party. This was the first time in 104 years that both older parties did not field a candidate for a statewide race in Missouri. A Democrat who had considered running for the seat was quoted in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* as endorsing the Republican.

Libertarian Sean O'Toole garnered 251,601 votes for 19.7 percent in the three-way race. This breaks the party's previous vote total record of 165,468 set in the 2012 U.S. Senate race, and the previous high percentage of 6.2 percent set in the state treasurer race in 1992, the first year the Missouri LP gained recognized party status (and ballot access). The CP candidate received just under 7 percent.

Interestingly, O'Toole beat the incumbent Republican in the voting area managed by the Kansas City Election Board, 42.65 percent to 41.04 percent. Signs were placed at the 33 polling locations in the city expected to have the highest turnout in the majority Democratic areas. O'Toole's showing was also strong in St. Louis city.

A total of 1,276,033 votes were cast for auditor, versus a total of 1,422,287 for the eight congressional seats, so a substantial number of Democrats (presumably) sat out of the auditor's race. Voter turnout was only a little over half that of 2012, with no hotly contested congressional seats and only the single statewide race. Congress has a miserable approval rating, but apparently many folks in Missouri think their member of Congress is somehow OK.

Missouri Libertarians upped their average in the eight congressional races,

from the record 3.3 percent set in 2012 to 4.5 percent this time. Three candidates garnered more than 5 percent: Robb Cunningham, Herschel Young, and Kevin Craig — who garnered 7.7% in his fourth try at the position. All races were three-way, except for the 8th district, which was a five-way race. We appreciate all of their efforts.

The party had one state Senate candidate, who garnered 3.1 percent, and seven state representative candidates. Two state representative candidates deserve special mention. Matt Stephens ran what was probably the most active state representative campaign in the state party's history, introducing our ideas to hundreds of voters one door-knock and one forum at a time, garnering 11.7 percent. His efforts were able to move the needle beyond the more typical 3–5 percent in a three-way race against a Republican and Democrat. Greg Tlappek also campaigned actively, presenting bold ideas for education reform and explaining the concept of proportional representation to voters, neither easy issues. His efforts garnered him 8.2 percent.

Running for office on the Libertarian ticket can at times seem like a thankless task. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort and commitment of our candidates, and those who helped them boldly spread the message of freedom. We are actively recruiting candidates for 2016, and for non-partisan city races in 2015. If you would like to run for office on the Missouri LP ticket, please visit LP.org and click on the "Run for Office" link near the top right.

## Montana

*Ballot access retained through 2018*

Montana retained ballot access for four more years, till 2018, with the Libertarian vote for U.S. House, said LP Montana Chair Mike Fellows. Fellows, who ran for the House, had 15,422 votes for 4.19 percent. Statewide turnout was around 55 percent.

The candidate for Granite County commissioner, Elena Gagliano, had close to 23 percent in a two-way race.

In the Senate District 33 three-way race, Joan Stanley obtained 6.5 percent.



LP Montana decorated a car for the University of Montana Homecoming Parade. More than 20,000 people lined the streets to view the procession.

Joan had walked the district and mailed out materials to the folks there. Joan was the only candidate who supported property rights in that race.

In House District 54, Jeffery Hill was running against the former head of the Montana Senate, Jeff Essmann. Essmann supported sales taxes and local option taxes. Essmann also supported the "top two" primary in Montana. Hill had more than 5 percent of the vote in a three-way race.

House District 84 featured Ron Vanderevender, running against an incumbent Republican. Ron knocked on doors and received 4.77 percent of the vote in a three-way race.

Other races included Chris Colvin in House District 3, who received 4.30 percent, and Charles Satchfield in House District 87, with 2.18 percent.

The U.S. Senate race was a strange one in Montana, with the Democratic incumbent dropping out. Roger Roots had poll numbers as high as 9 percent during the summer months but ended up at a little more than 2 percent. The low turnout was a factor, as well.

We spoke out on several local issues. In Billings, a safety levy was defeated. We pay for essential services, so why pay for those services with another tax? In Missoula County, we had "Vote NO" signs up for a \$42 million dollar bond issue and had an ad in the local paper. We were the only political party to oppose this new tax increase, and 46 percent of the voters in Missoula County voted no on this issue. We lost, but "Stop Taxing Our Property"

is now on Facebook to oppose future tax increases.

Thanks to all our candidates, members, and volunteers who helped in this year's election. As always, we need to get better organized countywide. The 2015 legislature already has over 900 bill drafts in the hopper. We'll know more when those bills get written. You can bet there will be another "top two" primary bill in Montana. Republicans don't support the free market of political ideas and want to eliminate the competition.

If people have questions, give the state chair, Mike Fellows, a call at (406) 721-9020.

## New Jersey

*LP the fastest-growing party in the state*

Thank you to everyone who took a stand for freedom on Election Day by voting Libertarian! Results show that we won over 26,000 votes statewide including:

- Joe Baratelli (U.S. Senate) — 16,048 (1%)
- Brian Pizza (Ocean County Freeholder) — 4,022 (3%)
- Dorit Goikhman (U.S. House-6th) — 1,322 (1%)
- Jim Gawron (U.S. House-7th) — 3,332 (2%)
- Steven Uccio (Mercer County Freeholder) — 1,441 (1%)

In terms of registered voters, we are not only the fastest-growing party in New

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Jersey, in fact we are the only growing party. While both establishment parties lost more than 1 percent over the past year, our numbers have exploded by more than 8 percent.

We are very excited and energized about the future. We are not career politicians. We are volunteer statesmen and women standing against the corruption and hypocrisy of both major parties.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Liberate Trenton event in October. We invite everyone to our Holiday Party on Dec. 20 at Killarney's in Hamilton.

We are already recruiting candidates for 2015! Please consider running for office. Our goal is to overwhelm the political establishment with grassroots candidates talking about real issues like taxes, poverty and civil liberties.

We are the fastest-growing party in New Jersey for a reason. It certainly isn't

because we have the most money or the most powerful connections. It's because we're fighting for the freedom and dignity of *all* New Jerseyans.

Join us today. We're just getting started.

### Ohio

#### *Working to overturn ballot restrictions*

**L**PO-endorsed candidates had vote percentages in the 5 to 9 percent range in races with three or more candidates. Statewide candidate Bob Bridges for auditor and Kevin Knedler for secretary of state received 4.74 percent and 4.64 percent, respectively. The voter turnout was a near-record low at 43 percent, 1 million less than the 2006 election.

The LPO did not have the Charlie Earl/Sherry Clark ticket for governor on the Ohio ballot because of the success-

ful protest efforts by the Ohio Republican Party and operative Terry Casey. The LPO put up a gallant fight but ultimately lost the decision in federal court in early October. Steve Linnabary was also removed from the ballot as the LP candidate for attorney general. The 2014 election was the first time that Libertarians had been protested. Chad Monnin, the LP candidate for the Ohio House 19th district, was also protested, but overcame the efforts of the Republicans and was placed on the ballot.

The LPO will now focus on getting the federal court to overturn the minor party ballot access bill (S.B. 193), specifically the section on new party petitioning for access. With candidate filing deadlines in early February, the LPO expects a decision in January 2015. It is critical that the LPO win this case and keep their ballot access and party primary in 2015 and 2016.

The LPO State Conference will be held on May 1 and May 2 at Deer Creek Lodge. The Friday evening and Saturday event will include team building, workshops, speakers, and the annual awards.

Details via [www.lpo.org](http://www.lpo.org):

For more information on the Ohio party, go to [www.lpo.org](http://www.lpo.org) or send an email to [info@lpo.org](mailto:info@lpo.org).

### Washington

#### *37 candidates already committed for 2016*

**L**ibertarian candidates in Washington state just had an amazing election-night showing. The eight candidates who advanced through the top-two primary received the following vote totals:

- Steven Nielson, Dist. 2 — 27.86%
- Paul Delaney, Dist. 3 — 30.06%
- James Apker, Dist. 7 — 19.94%
- Michael Scott, Dist. 10 — 23.68%
- Dave Steenson, Dist. 19 — 33.09%
- Eli Olson, Dist. 38 — 32.83%
- Paul Addis, Dist. 36 — 13.83%
- Tim Turner, Dist. 48 — 30.66%

With a goal of recruiting 70+ candidates, the LPWA already has 37 candidates committed to run for state office in 2016. We are determined to get Libertarians elected to office in Washington State.

# Libertarian-oriented ballot measures in the 2014 election

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**L**ibertarians should take encouragement from some of the ballot measures in the Nov. 4 election:

**Medical freedom:** Arizona voters passed Proposition 303, which seeks to allow patients with terminal illnesses to buy drugs that have passed Phase 1 (basic safety) trials but are not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

To libertarians, this is an old and familiar cause and one in which it is easy to find allies if people are paying attention, which most times they are not. The movie *Dallas Buyers Club* provided an opening, and this year legislatures in Colorado, Missouri and Louisiana passed what are now called "Dallas Buyers Club" laws. In Arizona, the cause was promoted by the Goldwater Institute.

Opponents have said that such laws will give many terminal patients false hope, which is surely true. But it is better to give 90% false hope if 10% (or some other small share) obtain real benefit, if the alternative is an egalitarian world of no hope for all. And it ought to be the patient's decision anyway.

What the FDA will do about the "Dallas Buyers Club" laws is a question; as with marijuana, the matter is covered by a federal law, if one of questionable constitutionality. At the very least the Arizona vote, a whopping 78% yes, should give other states, and eventually Con-

gress, a political shove in favor of freedom.

**Marijuana:** Legalization measures were first passed in 2012 by the voters of Colorado and Washington (the two states that had the Libertarian Party on the ballot in 1972). They have been followed this year by the voters of Alaska, which passed Measure 2 with 52%; Oregon, which passed Measure 91 with 55%; and the District of Columbia, which passed a decriminalization measure, Initiative 71, with 65% yes.

Alaska and Oregon were early supporters of marijuana for medical patients, as were Colorado and Washington. When the opponents say medical marijuana is a stalking horse for full legalization, they are right. It is — which means that more states will join Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado.

On Nov. 4 Florida rejected medical marijuana, but only because it required a 60% yes vote. Florida Amendment 2 had nearly 58%.

**Taxes:** In Massachusetts, which several decades ago was labeled "taxachusetts," voters approved Question 1, which repeals the automatic increases of the gas tax pegged to the Consumer Price Index.

In Tennessee, Amendment 3, forbidding the legislature from taxing most personal income, passed with a 66% yes vote. Tennessee is one of the nine states with no general income tax, though it does have a 6% tax on interest and dividends, which will continue.

In Nevada, 79% of voters rejected Question 3, to create a 2% tax on adjusted business revenue above \$1

million. Proponents called it "The Education Initiative" because the money was to be spent on public schools; opponents called it "The Margin Tax Initiative." The measure was put on the ballot with the help of the Nevada branch of the AFL-CIO, which then changed its mind and opposed it. Good for them; most people and organizations in politics never admit of making a mistake.

**Debt:** In Oregon, Measure 86 would have created a fund for scholarship grants through the sale of state bonds. The measure was put on the ballot by Oregon's Democratic legislature and supported by the education lobby. It was opposed by the founder of the libertarian Cascade Policy Institute and by the state's largest newspaper, the *Oregonian*, because of the likely increase in public debt. It also would have allowed the legislature to dip into the fund for general spending if the governor declared an emergency. In this "blue" state, the measure failed: 59% no.

**Regulation:** In Massachusetts, which has had mandatory bottle deposits on carbonated beverages since 1982, voters rejected Question 2, an initiative to extend the bottle law to sports drinks, juices, tea and bottled water (but not juice boxes). The vote was a landslide: 73% no.

**Abortion:** Libertarians are divided on abortion, depending on whether they consider a fetus to be a person. Voters in Colorado rejected Amendment 67, which would have defined an embryo or fetus as a "person" or "child" under state criminal law. The vote was 64% no.

In North Dakota, a "right to life" amendment the

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## Libertarian ballot issues

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state legislature put on the ballot as Measure 1 was rejected, also 64% no.

In Tennessee, voters approved Amendment 1, which asserts state control over abortion but would leave to the legislature what sort of control it would be. Opponents called it the "Tennessee Taliban Amendment." It got 53% of the vote.

All of these measures are probably symbolic only, because the question has been coopted by the U.S. Supreme Court under Roe v. Wade and later decisions. Still, symbolism can matter.

**Alcohol:** In Arkansas, where about half the counties are dry, Issue 4 would have opened the entire state to alcohol sales. It failed, with 57% voting no. That's a loss for freedom if a gain for federalism.

**Guns:** Washington voters passed Initiative 594 to require background checks for sales of guns by non-dealers. The measure was bankrolled by Michael Bloomberg, Bill and Melinda Gates, and a liberal Seattle venture capitalist and given an emotional push by shootings at a nearby high school. Washington remains a concealed-carry state.

**Minimum wage:** Politically, this is a lost issue for libertarians. On Nov. 4, Arkan-

sas voted to raise its minimum from \$7.25 (the federal minimum) to \$8.50 by 2017; Alaska, to raise its minimum from \$7.75 to \$9.75 by 2016, and index it to inflation; Nebraska, to raise it from \$7.25 to \$9 by 2016, and South Dakota, to raise it from \$7.25 to \$8.50 by 2015, then index it. These measures passed by 65% in Arkansas, 69% in Alaska, 59% in Nebraska and 54% in South Dakota.

In Massachusetts, voters approved Question 4, mandating paid sick days in private business. The yes vote was 59%.

**Governance:** In Oregon, voters rejected the sort of "top two" election system operating in neighboring Washington. In that system, anyone can file in the primary and declare their party allegiance, and the top two vote-getters, irrespective of party, advance to the November election, which becomes a run-off. California has a similar system. Little parties like the Libertarian Party hate it, because it keeps them off the November ballot except in some one-party districts.

Oregon voters were offered a top-two system in 2008 and voted 66% against it. This time, for Measure 90, they voted 68% against it.

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## Obstacles faced by LP

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thousands, of high-level Libertarians to office long ago.

It is a marvel that the LP has not only survived through all this, but that it has overcome both ignorance of and prejudice against libertarian ideas. Today, the word "libertarian" is generally understood, and it's becoming more and more of a positive in people's minds, owing largely to Libertarian Party campaigns.

But the LP has done more than just survive and teach the world what libertarianism is about. It has elected thousands of local officials over the years, many of whom made gallant efforts to reign in Big Govern-

ment. And it has helped advance freedom nationally in two notable areas: the prohibitions on marijuana and gay marriage.

Libertarian candidates have advocated drug legalization and marriage equality for four decades — long before these ideas became popular. This paved the way for the emerging support of marijuana legalization and same-sex marriage that we're seeing today.

With freedom as the goal, that's winning.

The Libertarian Party is in the game and on the playing field more than ever. As Libertarian candidates drive our vote totals up, and as more Libertarian candidates poll high enough to affect the outcome of key elections, that playing field gets more level with every election.

## What have you missed recently on LP.org?

- Why your Libertarian vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4, is worth 100 times the other guy's vote
- Libertarian Party: Secretary of Defense is a "no-win job overseeing a no-win U.S. foreign policy"
- WV editorials hint at voting for Libertarian Buckley for U.S. Senate
- ND Libertarian Jack Seaman the "break-out star" of debate
- Gallup polls continue to say Americans want a third party
- Libertarian gubernatorial candidate will keep Alaska free of state income tax
- Colorado Libertarian Lily Williams brings lessons from China to her bid for state house
- LP Vice Chair Arvin Vohra on Reason TV

## Media Buzz About the Libertarian Party

"The story of Election 2014 will be how Libertarians (and some Independents) were, and will continue to be, a deciding factor in statewide elections despite the constant roadblocks. ... The Monday-morning political quarterbacks will come to realize that the rise of Libertarians to national status is now all but inevitable."

**Breitbart.com, 10/28/2014**

"The Libertarian Party (L.P.) is showing signs of unusually encouraging midterm election results in November. This seems only natural for an era when both independence from major party identification and a general yen for libertarian ideas are growing."

**Reason, 10/8/2014**

"Don't be discouraged by talks of 'throwing your vote away'; this is a scare tactic people use to get you to vote for their candidate, and there's no point in falling for it."

**The Federalist, 10/3/2014**

"For those who have chosen to vote Libertarian in recent cycles, it's not enough for a Republican to merely be quiet about the topics where Libertarians and Republicans disagree or deemphasize those issues; the disagreement itself is a deal-breaker."

**National Review, 11/6/2014**

"All over the map, we're just seeing potential this year for these third-party candidates to have strange impacts on races in a way that I can't remember," says Tom Jensen, director of Public Policy Polling ..."

**NPR, 10/14/2014**